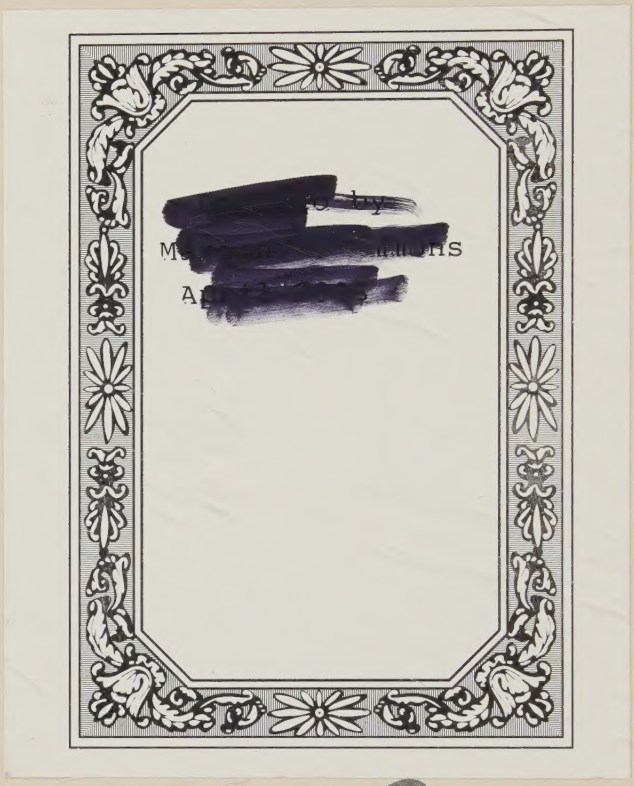

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Department of New York, G. A. R.

Capitol, Albany, *April* 9, 1920.

To the Legislature:

Sirs.— I have the honor to transmit herewith the abstract of General Orders and Proceedings of the Fifty-fourth Annual Encampment, Department of New York, Grand Army of the Republic, for the year 1920.

Very respectfully,

JOSEPH E. EWELL,

Department Commander.

ROSTER OF OFFICERS
1919-1920

Department Officers

JOSEPH E. EWELL.....Department Commander
EDWARD B. LONG.....Senior Vice-Commander
LOUIS H. LA VALLEE.....Junior Vice-Commander
REV. D. P. LAPPEUS.....Chaplain
H. T. DUNBAR.....Medical Director

Official Staff

CHARLES A. ORR.....{Assistant Adjutant-General / Assistant Quartermaster-General}
THOMAS J. McCONEKEY.....Department Inspector
CLARENCE W. STANTON.....Judge Advocate
JAMES R. SILLIMAN.....Chief Mustering Officer
GEO. B. FAIRHEAD.....Patriotic Instructor
HENRY L. KEENE.....Senior Aide-de-Camp

Council of Administration

AUSTIN H. STAFFORD, SAMUEL McAULIFFE,
SILAS H. HOOGHKERK, FRED A. MATHEWS.
FRED C. BARGER,

Past National Officers

†JOHN C. ROBINSON.....Commander-in-Chief, 1877–78
†JOHN PALMER.....Commander-in-Chief, 1891
†ALBERT D. SHAW.....Commander-in-Chief, 1899
JAMES TANNER.....Commander-in-Chief, 1905
†JAMES D. BELL.....Commander-in-Chief, 1919
†JAS. B. McKEAN.Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, 1866–67
†EDWARD JARDINE.Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, 1874
†JOHN PALMER.....Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, 1879
ALFRED LYTH.....Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, 1897
†LEWIS E. GRIFFITH.Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, 1907
†NICHOLAS W. DAY.Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, 1911
‡JOSEPH HADFIELD.JuniorVice-Commander-in-Chief, 1888

† Deceased. ‡ Severed his connection with the order.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

†James B. McKean.....Saratoga Springs
†Daniel E. Sickles .....New York City
†Edward B. Lansing.....Auburn
†John C. Robinson.....Binghamton
†Henry A. Barnum.....New York City
†Stephen P. Corliss.....Albany
†Edward Jardine .....New York City
†John Palmer .....Albany
James Tanner.....Washington, D. C.
†William F. Rogers.....Buffalo
†James McQuade .....Utica
†L. Coe Young .....Binghamton
†Abram Merrit .....Nyack
†James S. Fraser.....New York City
John A. Reynolds.....Fairport
†Ira M. Hedges.....Haverstraw
†H. Clay Hall.....Little Falls
†Joseph I. Sayles.....Rome
†George H. Treadwell.....Albany
†N. Martin Curtis.....Ogdensburg
†Harrison Clark .....Albany
†Floyd Clarkson .....New York City
†Charles H. Freeman.....Corning
†Theodore L. Poole .....Syracuse
†Joseph P. Cleary.....Rochester
†John C. Shotts .....Yonkers
†Edward J. Atkinson.....New York City
James S. Graham .....Oxford
†Albert D. Shaw .....Watertown
†Anson S. Wood.....Wolcott
Joseph W. Kay.....Brooklyn
N. P. Pond.....Rochester
Charles A. Orr .....Buffalo
†Allen C. Bakewell.....New York City
John S. Koster.....Port Leyden
†Henry N. Burhans .....Syracuse
†James M. Snyder .....Troy

† Deceased.

John S. Maxwell ..... Amsterdam
†Harlan J. Swift ..... Cuba
†William H. Daniels ..... Ogdensburg
†M. J. Cummings ..... Brooklyn
DeWitt C. Hurd ..... Utica
George B. Loud ..... New York City
Oscar Smith ..... Albany
Samuel C. Pierce ..... Rochester
†James D. Bell ..... Brooklyn
Zan L. Tidball ..... Bath
†Solomon W. Russell ..... Salem
William F. Kirchner ..... New York City
Lewis S. Pilcher ..... Brooklyn
DeAlva S. Alexander, Buffalo, transferred from Dept. Potomac
†W. L. Palmer, Binghamton, transferred from Dept. Dakota

PAST SENIOR VICE-DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

†William R. Rogers.
†James M. Gere.
†Edward B. Lansing.
†John C. Robinson.
John A. Reynolds.
†Samuel Minnes.
†John Palmer.
†Joseph Egolf.
†John G. Copley.
†Constantine Nitzsche.
†Jacob Welsing.
†Henry Osterheld.
†John E. Savery.
†Robert Keith.
†H. Clay Hall.
†L. P. Thompson.
C. W. Cowtan.
C. A. Orr.
†J. P. Cleary.
†Charles H. Freeman.
†C. Hull Grant.
†Frederick Cossum.
†George Chappell.
†Rufus Daggett.
John S. Maxwell.
Edward J. Mitchell.
†John H. Swift.
Clark H. Norton.
†M. J. Cummings.
†W. Charles Smith.
†E. C. Parkinson.
George E. Dewey.
†Daniel J. O'Brien.
†Jared W. Wickes.
†George F. Tait.
†William A. Boyd.
†James M. Watson.
Samuel C. Pierce.
Daniel H. Cole.
†James D. Bell.

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† Deceased.

†J. K. Hood.
†Homer B. Webb.
†Edward J. Deevey.
†William L. DeLacey.
†Edward J. Atkinson.
†P. C. Soule.
Alfred E. Stacey.
Austin H. Stafford.
James A. Allis.
†George Hollands.
Henry S. Redman.
H. Stewart Warner.

†Alexander E. Mintee, Buffalo, transferred from Dept. Cal.-Nevada.

Past Junior Vice-Department Commanders

†James M. Geer.
†Bradley Winslow.
†V. Krzyanowski.
John A. Reynolds.
†John W. Marshall.
†Willard Bullard.
†Joseph Egolf.
†A. B. Lawrence.
†Edwin J. Loomis.
†Robert H. McCormic.
†George H. Treadwell.
†J. Marshall Guion.
†James F. Fitts.
†Dennis Sullivan.
†Edwin Goodrich.
Frank Z. Jones.
†J. C. Carlyle.
†W. B. Stoddard.
†G. S. Conger.
†C. Hull Grant.
†Robert Wilson.
†W. L. Scott.
†Gardner C. Hibbard.
Edward A. Dubey.
William F. Kirchner.
Silas Owen.
†Daniel Van Wie.
†John Kohler.
John S. Koster.
N. R. Thompson.
Walter Scott.
Jerre S. Gross.
†Philo H. Conklin.
†Daniel W. Hulse.
†D. C. Bangs.
†David Isaacs.
L. L. Hanchett.
George E. Dewey.
†Edward H. Fassett.
†Daniel J. O'Brien.
†Jared W. Wickes.
James Campbell.
DeWitt C. Hurd.
Robert P. Bush.
†L. O. Morgan.
†Henry E. Turner.
†C. C. Caldwell.
C. J. Westcott.
Nelson Mattice.
David H. Dyer.
Robert Simpson, Jr.
Isidore Isaacs.
†James Loftus.
John W. Mullens.
Frank Johnson.
George W. Flynn.

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† Deceased.

GENERAL ORDERS

1919–1920

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
ELMIRA, N. Y., *June* 26, 1919.

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 1.

Having been elected Commander of the Department of New York, Grand Army of the Republic, at its fifty-third annual Encampment, held at Elmira, June 24–26, 1919, I hereby assume command and announce the following appointment:

Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster-General, Charles A. Orr, Post 2, Buffalo, N. Y.

Other staff appointments will be announced in subsequent orders.

JOSEPH E. EWELL,
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
ALBANY, N. Y., *July* 28, 1919.

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 2.

I. At the Fifty-third Annual Encampment of the Department of New York, Grand Army of the Republic, held at Elmira June 24, 25 and 26, 1919, the following named Comrades were elected for the ensuing year:

Department Commander — Joseph E. Elwell, Post 2, Buffalo.

Senior Vice-Commander — Edward B. Long, Post 466, White Plains.

Junior Vice-Commander — Louis H. LaVallee, Post 121, Albany.

Medical Director — H. T. Dunbar, Post 350, Union.

Chaplain — Rev. D. P. Lappius, Post 15, Schenevus.

Council of Administration

Austin H. Stafford, Post 285, Jamestown.
Silas H. Hooghkerk, Post 5, Albany.
Fred C. Barger, Post 140, New York.
Samuel McAuliffe, Post 391, Rochester.
Fred A. Mathews, Post 6, Elmira.

Delegates to National Encampment

II. The following Comrades were elected to represent this Department at the Fifty-third National Encampment, to be held at Columbus, Ohio, September 8 to 13, 1919, inclusive:

Delegate-at-Large

	Post
Alfred E. Stacey	647

Delegates

George W. Brush	327
Henry L. Swords	103
James K. Prosser	65
Thomas B. Crocker	506
Wallace Riley	76
Henry G. Fritsch	600
Louis Finkelmeier	122
Thos. J. McConekey	499
Alfred J. Moss	471
Charles M. Blair	188
George W. Flynn	9
P. H. Doody	69
M. B. Brennan	113
James R. Silliman	600
John W. Noble	135
Edwin H. Squires	435
Thos. H. Kiernan	148
R. S. Remington	92
James A. Allis	66
Henry H. Jones	78
Henry C. Draper	148

	Post
Seymour J. Palmer	30
W. E. Widrick	367
I. W. Butler	134
William M. Chatham	121
T. C. Knight	647
James W. Belknap	153
W. H. Lonergan	5
William B. Price	435
F. R. Meres	559
Louis Wanner	16
J. J. Augustin	106
Edward C. Case	53
Isidore Isaacs	557
Jerome Treman	409
Francis A. Clark	301
Frank E. Cooley	644

ALTERNATE-AT-LARGE

Richard M. Barber	5

ALTERNATES

Ira D. Rowley	523
Frank Danes	486
John H. Hilliker	368
Samuel M. Morgan	81
William H. Lyons	35
William J. Barry	128
Joseph Benzino	239
Samuel Irvine	534
David Thom	394
Samuel Hodkinson	578
John W. Jacobus	100
Albert L. Morgan	188
J. W. Nye	379
Henry Lilly	170
T. T. Donovan	21
Jacob M. Erwin	5

	Post
Henry W. Valentine	436
Cyrus W. Lord	285
Lewis Cohen	90
B. W. Austen	7
George A. Lent	397
William Church	418
Isaac Coons	6
Chas. C. Spaulding	165
Henry J. Kopper	8
James L. Lyons	96
Henry Alford	533
Thomas R. Petrie	409
George Robinson	...
Alonzo Howell	259
William Fenley	459
Thomas M. Valleau	8
Walter Shaffer	109
L. D. Mereness	57
Michael J. Buchanan	5
Jacob Schaffer	270
Thomas Casey	457

Errors in spelling of any of the foregoing names, or in the number of the Post, should be sent to these Headquarters at once for correction.

III. More than usual interest was manifested in the Department Encampment held at Elmira June 24-26 last, which was evidenced by a much larger attendance than in recent years, and in other ways. There were friendly rivalries, which is usual and not to be regretted, but the spirit of fraternity, charity and loyalty was dominant in a notable degree.

The presence of Governor Alfred E. Smith, and his splendid address at the Camp Fire, gave State and official recognition to our noble organization and to its high aims and achievements.

The City of Elmira and its Citizens Committee, of which Comrade Henry L. Keene was Chairman, left nothing undone along the lines of hospitality and the assurance of welcome and good will, and for the comfort and entertainment of visiting comrades.

The Encampment performed its duties and transacted its business in an orderly and decorous manner but with a degree of enthusiasm rarely equalled, and the members departed to their several homes with a consciousness of having contributed another important chapter to the history of the Grand Army of the Republic.

IV. The following named Comrades are hereby appointed to positions on the staff of the Department Commander:

Department Inspector — Thomas J. McConekey, Post 499, Brooklyn.

Judge Advocate — Clarence W. Stanton, Post 240, Cohocton, Steuben Co.

Chief Mustering Officer — James R. Silliman, Post 600, New York.

Patriotic Instructor — Geo. B. Fairhead, Post 31, Utica.

Senior Aide-de-Camp — Henry L. Keene, Post 6, Elmira.

They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

V. The following Comrades are hereby appointed a Committee on Legislation, to whom will be referred all questions affecting the interests of Comrades:

Oscar Smith, Post 5, Albany, Chairman.
Edward J. Atkinson, Post 80, New York.
Robert P. Bush, Post 6, Horseheads.
Joseph W. Stevens, Post 63, Albany.
William H. Kilfoile, Post 18, Troy.

VI. All communications relating to the business of the Department should be addressed to Charles A. Orr, Assistant Adjutant-General, G. A. R. Headquarters, Capitol, Albany, N. Y.

Requisitions for supplies should be directed to Charles A. Orr, Assistant Quartermaster-General, G. A. R. Headquarters, Capitol, Albany, N. Y., and all checks, drafts, etc., in payment therefor, as well as for per capita tax, should be made payable to his order.

Posts that have not sent the per capita tax for the six months ending June 30, 1919, must do so at once.

The attention of Post Commanders is again called to the amendment to the Rules and Regulations adopted by the National Encampment, whereby the semi-annual reports ordinarily made

for the term ending June 30 are discontinued. Especial attention is directed to the Rule which provides that the per capita tax must be based on the report for the term ending Dec. 31, 1918.

VII. The following Comrades are hereby appointed as Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander and will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

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James H. Splaine	1
D. S. Alexander	2
Zan L. Tidball	2
Adam Schell	2
Nelson Simmons	2
Harvey J. Hopkins	2
James E. Danelson	2
Lyman A. Dietrick	2
Albert Schoenwald	2
George Wander	2
Fred J. Weber	2
William Rofot	2
Conrad Egloff	2
George H. Sears	2
John A. Reynolds	4
Samuel C. Pierce	4
Jacob R. Terwilliger	5
Oscar Smith	5
John W. Mullens	5
Silas H. Hooghkerk	5
Robert P. Bush	6
James H. Loughridge	6
Frank P. Frost	6
Charles D. Giles	7
George H. Stevens	8
Henry J. Kopper	8
Thos. M. Valleau	8
Alfred Lyth	9
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Geo. W. Flynn	9

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E. N. Bowen	9
John Maxwell	9
T. A. Budd	9
A. H. Adams	9
E. W. Beach	9
John S. Robertson	9
B. F. Raze	9
Chas. A. Shaw	10
Robert H. Davis	11
R. R. Lord	12
Geo. W. Johnson	12
Rev. D. P. Lappeus	15
Louis Wanner	16
Daniel H. Cole	17
W. H. Kilfoile	18
J. D. Van Benthuysen	18
Roger O. Meara	18
James G. Burney	19
Harry E. Murray	20
Thomas E. Holt	21
T. T. Donovan	21
Sylvester Templeton	23
John M. Fisher	24
S. M. Flint	25
Geo. B. Wright	25
Joel G. White	26
Chas. J. Tuttle	26
W. H. Martin	26
Newton A. Calkins	27
Edward M. Griffiths	29
Louis N. Aarons	29
A. A. Lord	30
Jacob Lester	30
Geo. C. Raymond	30
Rev. Geo. B. Fairhead	31
Joseph Hepworth	31
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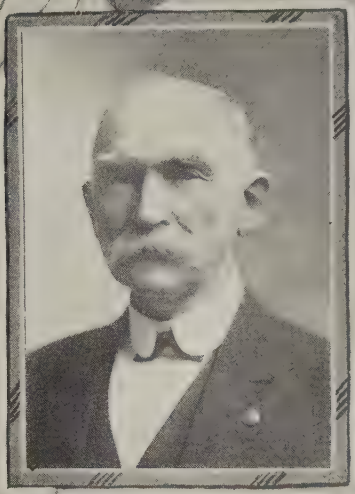

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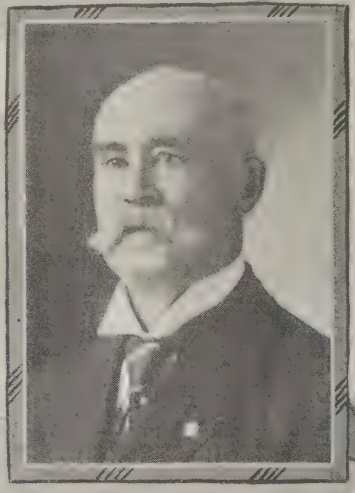

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National Encampment

VIII. The Fifty-third National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held at Columbus, Ohio, September 7 to 13, 1919.

Department Headquarters will be established at the Hotel Deshler, Rooms 310, 311 and 312, and will be open for business Monday, September 8, at 10 o'clock a. m. Delegates and Alternates will report, with their Credentials, to the Assistant Adjutant-General immediately upon their arrival. All Comrades, their wives, widows, sons and daughters, are fraternally invited to make use of Department Headquarters during their stay in Columbus.

Comrade B. Franklin Raze, of Post 9, is appointed Acting Assistant Adjutant-General in charge of Department Headquarters during the National Encampment.

Registers will be open to all Comrades who desire to make their presence known. A Caucus of the Delegates to the National Encampment will be held Monday evening at 9 o'clock; as very important business will come before this meeting all Delegates and Alternates are urged to be present. The Camp Fire will be held Tuesday evening at 7:30 in Memorial Hall.

The parade will take place Wednesday morning, September 10, at 10 o'clock. The formation will be under the direction of Comrade Henry L. Keene, Senior Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff; Commanders in charge of Posts or County Organizations will report to him at New York Headquarters, Tuesday at 5 p. m., for instructions as to place in line.

Transportation

The United States Railroad Administration has made the liberal rate for the trip to Columbus, Ohio, and return, of one cent per mile. This rate is, however, strictly limited to Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic and to members of its related societies, and to their "families." The details of these arrangements are contained in the accompanying circular No. 1, to which special attention is called.

IX. Department Headquarters, Capitol, Albany, will be closed Saturday noon September 6, and remain closed until Monday, September 22.

X. The following resolutions were adopted at the Fifty-third Annual Encampment, held at Elmira, June 24-26, 1919:

1. *Resolved*, That the Department of New York earnestly but respectfully petitions the return of the National Soldiers' Home at Hampton, Va., to the purpose for which it was erected, that of providing a home for the volunteer veterans of the Civil, Spanish and other wars.

The emergency of the World War required the transfer of this home to The War Department during the continuance of the struggle; but now that peace is returned it is earnestly believed that the home should be given back to its former use with the least possible delay.

The members of the Hampton Soldiers Home were almost wholly Eastern men, and at Hampton they were in easy touch with their homes in New England, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and West Virginia. They could go back to their homes for visits or long stays with the least effort or expense, and their relatives could visit them. Information as to any crisis in their lives could bring these relatives at once to their bedsides. Furthermore, the climatic conditions at Hampton were much better suited to them than those of the distant homes in Tennessee and Ohio, to which they were mainly transferred.

Those formerly members of the home long to return, and their days will be prolonged and filled with much more comfort if they are brought back to the scenes where many of them have spent several years and to which they have become deeply attached.

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2. WHEREAS, This Nation has on all occasions responded to the innate desire to perpetuate the names of her illustrious soldiers and sailors and have their names emblazoned on monuments of marble,

AND, WHEREAS, The one name that stands in the front rank of the World's Naval Heroes has thus far, in the metropolis of the nation and his adopted State, failed to have erected to its memory a permanent and suitable stone on the ground where the hero lies buried,

AND, WHEREAS, The stone erected at Woodlawn Cemetery by his family displays the sign of decay,

Therefore, be it Resolved, That the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of New York, in Encampment assembled at Elmira, N. Y., on this 26th day of June, 1919, recognizing the great name of Farragut, petition the Legislature of his adopted State to appropriate a sum sufficient to erect a suitable memorial to the Hero of New Orleans and Mobile Bay.

Resolved, That the Department Commander be instructed to carry out the intent of this resolution by seeking the cooperation of the New York State Memorial Commission, with a view of causing such statue to be erected at Woodlawn Cemetery.

England has her Victory and Nelson, cannot America have her Farragut and Hartford?

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3. WHEREAS, The rapidly decreasing numbers of the membership in the National Encampments of the Grand Army of the Republic make such action proper and advisable, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Senior and Junior Vice Department Commanders of the various Departments be made Life Members of the National Encampment, the same as the Department Commanders.

Resolved, That our delegates to the National Encampment to be held at Columbus, Ohio, in September, be directed to present this resolution to the National Encampment, with the request that such action be taken by the National Encampment.

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4. *Resolved,* That it is the unanimous sentiment of this Encampment that the proper steps should be taken by the

Congress to declare the 27th day of April, the anniversary of the birth of General Ulysses S. Grant, a legal holiday.

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5. *Resolved,* To call your kind immediate attention to the following:

In view of the tremendous prevailing high prices of everything we must have, it is impossible to get along with the amount of pensions we now receive.

The old veterans of the Civil War are not getting any younger, but dying off rapidly, and those that survive need the very best of nourishment to prolong their lives, and that costs quite a little now-a-days. Five years ago we could buy more for $25.00 than we can now for $60.00.

Two dollars a day for every honorably discharged soldier of the Civil War would not be any too much, and would make the last few years of their lives more agreeable, as it should be.

Also, in view of the boys who enlisted at the age of 18, for one or two years' service in the early part of the Spring of 1865, to preserve the Union, with the same patriotic spirit and readiness to sacrifice their lives, if need be, and who were honorably discharged on account of close of the war, but before they had served ninety days, and who are now also old veterans at the age of 72 or more, we look at it as a matter of justice that they, at this late date, should also be recognized and pensioned.

We therefore recommend that the former clause "ninety days or more" be abolished, and

Resolved, That all honorably discharged Veterans of the Civil War should receive a pension of no less than $50.00 per month.

Also Resolved, That all the widows of the Civil War Veterans should receive no less than $30.00 per month.

By command of

JOSEPH E. EWELL,

Department Commander.

Official:

C. A. ORR,

Assistant Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
ALBANY, N. Y., *July* 31, 1919.

CIRCULAR NO. 1.— SUBJECT: 53D NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, TO BE HELD AT COLUMBUS, OHIO, SEPT. 7–13, 1919.

Information in Regard to Railroad Transportation

The United States Railroad Administration has granted a special rate of one cent a mile to those attending the National Encampment.

Tickets will be on sale August 15, and will be good for sixty days from date of sale. Tickets will be sold via diverse routes to Columbus on the basis of one cent per mile in each direction via routes traveled, on going and returning.

Tickets may be secured only on presentation of identification certificates which will be sent to the Assistant Adjutant-General of each Department, and which may be secured from him by writing him at G. A. R. Headquarters, Capitol, Albany, N. Y. Comrades are warned against securing or giving these certificates to anyone not entitled to them.

The Director-General of Railroads stipulates to the Commander-in-Chief that the rates here given, shall only apply to members of the Grand Army of the Republic and their families; members of the Woman's Relief Corps; Ladies of the G. A. R.; Daughters of Veterans; Sons of Veterans; Sons of Veterans Auxiliary; National Association of Army Nurses of the Civil War; and members of the family of each of the above organizations, accompanying them to the Encampment. The interpretation given to "family" is, the immediate members of one's family, who lives with one.

The rate will *not* apply to the following:

1. Veterans of the Civil War who are not members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

2. Widows of former members of the G. A. R., unless they are members of the Army Nurses' Association, Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Daughters of Veterans or Sons of Veterans Auxiliary.

3. Daughters of deceased members of the G. A. R., unless they belong to one of the organizations mentioned in the preceding paragraph.

4. Sons of deceased members of the G. A. R., unless they belong to the organization known as the Sons of Veterans.

5. Sons and daughters of members of the G. A. R., unless they are living in their father's household, or belong to one of the organizations mentioned in paragraphs 2 or 5.

The New York Central Ry., D., L. & W. Ry., Erie Ry. and Lehigh Valley Ry., have furnished us the following rates to Columbus and return:

Albany	$12.33	Malone	$13.77
Attica (via Buffalo)	7.03	Mount Morris	7.65
Auburn	9.09	Naples	9.06
Batavia	7.12	Newburgh	12.59
Bath	8.59	New York	12.59
Belmont	7.81	Niagara Falls (via Buffalo)	6.84
Binghamton	10.14	Ogdensburg	12.12
Buffalo	6.40	Olean	7.24
Canandaigua	8.13	Oswego	10.12
Canton	12.00	Owego	10.06
Clifton Springs	8.27	Poughkeepsie	12.59
Corning	8.97	Rochester	7.77
Dansville	7.94	Rome	10.16
Dunkirk	5.60	Salamanca	6.88
Elmira	9.33	Syracuse	9.38
Geneva	8.46	Troy (via Albany)	12.47
Gouverneur	11.54	Utica	10.43
Hornell	8.25	Watertown	10.84
Hudson	12.59	Waverly	9.69
Ithaca	9.28	Wellsville (via Buffalo)	8.78
Jamestown	6.19	Wellsville	7.98
Kingston	12.59	Westfield	5.25
Lowville	11.61	Yonkers	12.59

These quotations do not include war tax of 8 per cent.

Dates of sale, August 15 to September 8.

Return limit, two months from date of sale.

Stopovers allowed at any point going or returning within final limit on application to conductor.

Conditions: Good only to members of the G. A. R., affiliated organizations and their families, upon presentation only of identification certificate issued by G. A. R.

General Information

I. National Headquarters will be temporarily established at the Hotel Deshler, mezzanine floor, Thursday, September 4, 1919.

II. Detailed program of events and entertainments may be secured from the Local Committee on arrival in Columbus.

III. Special patriotic services will be held in all the churches in Columbus, Sunday, September 7, to which all Comrades are cordially invited.

IV. The semi-official meeting and reception will be held Monday evening, September 8, at 7:30 o'clock in Memorial Hall. At 9 o'clock the delegates will hold a caucus.

V. Tuesday evening, September 9, at 7:30 o'clock, a Camp Fire will be held in Memorial Hall.

VI. The parade of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held Wednesday morning, September 10, at 10 o'clock. The formation and route of the parade will be announced later.

VII. Headquarters of the Grand Army will be at Hotel Deshler.

The Army Nurses of the Civil War, Hotel Deshler.

Woman's Relief Corps, Hotel Deshler.

Ladies of the G. A. R., Hotel Chittenden.

Daughters of Veterans, Hotel Chittenden.

Sons of Veterans, Hotel Virginia.

Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, Hotel Virginia.

VIII. The first business session of the National Encampment will convene in Memorial Hall, Thursday, September 11, at 10 a. m.

IX. Comrades desiring reservations during the National Encampment may secure them by writing Comrade James E. Campbell, Director-General G. A. R. Encampment, 8 East Broad street, Columbus, Ohio, and stating character of accommodations desired.

X. Reunions will be held at such time as the various regimental associations may arrange with the Columbus Encampment Committee.

JOSEPH E. EWELL,
Department Commander.

OFFICIAL:
C. A. ORR,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
CAPITOL,
ALBANY, N. Y., *November* 14, 1919.

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 3

I. The Fifty-third National Encampment of the Grany Army of the Republic was held at Columbus, Ohio, September 7 to 12, 1919. The Encampment was a notable gathering in all respects. Intellectually it reached the highest level and the spirit of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty was never more in evidence. The attendance was unusually large in proportion to present membership, not only from near by but from remote sections, particularly from the Pacific coast States. Interest and enthusiasm were unbounded. Ringing resolutions sustaining the government and favoring the loftiest Nationality and the highest Americanism were adopted and created a profound impression throughout the country. Other proceedings of the Encampment were in the largest degree satisfactory. The Fuller bill increasing pensions and the administration of the Pension Bureau under the direction of G. M. Saltzgaber were unanimously approved, and the proposed confederation of Patriotic Societies was commended.

The National officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows:

Commander-in-Chief — James D. Bell, Brooklyn.

Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief — D. M. Hall, Columbus, Ohio.

Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief — Charles B. Wilson, Los Angeles, Cal.

The following appointments were announced:

Adjutant-General — Isidore Isaacs, New York City.

Quartermaster-General — Cola D. R. Stowits, Buffalo, N. Y.

The National Headquarters for the year have been established at 302 Temple Bar Annex, Brooklyn, N. Y.

The following delegates representing the Department of New York were present at the Columbus Encampment:

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1. Alfred E. Stacey (at large), Elbridge	647
2. George W. Brush, 72 Palisade Ave., Hastings-on-Hudson	327
3. Henry L. Swords, Customs House, New York	103
4. James K. Prosser, Oswego	65
5. Thomas B. Crocker, Sardinia	506
6. Wallace Riley, 51 Akron St., Lockport	76
7. Henry G. Fritsch, 460 Van Cortland Park Ave., Yonkers	600
8. Louis Finkelmeier, 1038 Madison St., Brooklyn	122
9. Thos. J. McConekey, 504 Lex. Ave., Brooklyn	499
10. Alfred J. Moss, 604 Fourth Ave., Troy	471
11. Charles M. Blair, Brownville	188
12. George W. Flynn, 6 Municipal Bldg., Buffalo	9
13. Patrick H. Doody, 156 E. 52d St., New York	69
14. Matthew B. Brennan, 353 Mosholu Park, New York	113
15. James R. Silliman, 510 W. 112th St., New York	600
16. E. H. Squires, 776 Halsey St., Brooklyn	435
17. Thos. H. Kiernan, 281 Bridge St., Brooklyn	148
18. R. S. Rimington, Saratoga Springs	92
19. James A. Allis, City Hall, Syracuse	66
20. H. H. Jones, Seneca Falls	78
21. Seymour J. Palmer, 9 Florence Ave., Binghamton	30
22. W. E. Widrick, Colosse, Mexico	367
23. I. W. Butler, Johnson City	134
24. James W. Belknap, 307 Broad St., Utica	53
25. William H. Lonergan, 128 Eagle St., Albany	5
26. William B. Price, 121 Weirfield St., Brooklyn	435
27. Frederick R. Meres, 152 So. 13th Ave., Mt. Vernon	559
28. Louis Wanner, Cleveland	16
29. J. J. Augustin, 1510 St. Paul St., Rochester	106
30. Isidor Isaacs, 1342 Franklin Ave., New York	557
31. Jerome Treman, 469 Meigs St., Rochester	409
32. Francis A. Clark, 128 W. Main St., Middletown	301
33. Frank E. Cooley, 144 Wash. Ave., Rensselaer	644
34. Richard M. Barber, Court of Appeals, Albany	5
35. Ira D. Rowley, Silver Creek	523
36. Frank Danes, Penn Yan	486
37. John H. Hilliker, 182 Flushing Ave., Hollis, R. I.	368
38. S. M. Morgan, Bath	81

The above delegates were present at every session of the Encampment, and took an active and helpful part in all its activities during the week. They are entitled to the thanks of the Department therefor.

II. The Headquarters of the Department of New York were established at the Deshler Hotel, where the National Headquarters were also located. Comrade B. Franklin Raze was placed in charge as Acting Assistant Adjutant-General and discharged the duties of the position with great efficiency. There was a large registration, thus affording opportunities for Comrades from widely separated localities to get in communication with each other.

The parade took place September 10th. The Department of New York made a creditable showing, both in respect to numbers and in marching qualities. Although a torrential downfall of rain set in soon after the parade started, the New York Division marched the entire distance, holding its formation intact, and passed the almost deserted reviewing stand to the point of dismissal without a break. This fact was noted by the local press, which gave the New York Division especial credit therefor.

Attention is called to the fact that the season of important functions of our organization, including election and installation of officers, inspections, making annual reports and forwarding same to Headquarters, together with the per capita tax, is rapidly approaching. It is strongly urged that these duties be not neglected or overlooked, and that they be performed and carried out in strict accordance with the Rules and Regulations. The logical result of dereliction in respect to above requirements is the abandonment of all Post activities, resulting, if not corrected, in forfeiture of the Charter.

III. *Post Inspections.*—The regular annual inspection of Posts should be made during the months of November and December, and the reports of such inspection should be forwarded to the Department Inspector, Thomas J. McConekey, at these Headquarters prior to December 25. Inspection blanks are enclosed.

Each Commander of a Post will select a Past Post Commander, either of his own or of another Post, for the performance of this duty.

IV. *Semi-Annual Per Capita Tax.*—The attention of Commanders of Posts is called to the rule requiring the payment of the per capita tax for the six months ending June 30, 1919. The basis upon which the per capita tax is to be calculated is the membership reported for the term ending December 31, 1918. A

number of Posts are still delinquent, and will be published in next order unless payment is made.

V. *Annual Election of Post Officers.*— The election of Post officers will occur at the first meeting in December. Blanks are enclosed for the record of their elections. The report of officers elected must be forwarded to the Assistant Adjutant-General immediately after the election has been held.

VI. *Annual Reports of Post Adjutants and Quartermasters.*— The reports of the Post Adjutants and Quartermasters, for the year ending December 31, 1919, should be in the hands of the Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster-General on or before January 10, 1920. They should be made out on blanks (Forms A and B), herewith enclosed. Special care to insure accuracy should be exercised in the preparation of these reports. They should be forwarded without delay before the date mentioned, and the per capita tax should accompany the reports. It will be noted that the per capita tax is ten cents per member for the six months ending December 31, 1919. All checks and money orders for the per capita tax and the supplies should be drawn to the order of Charles A. Orr and directed to these Headquarters.

VII. *Credentials and Mortuary Reports.*— Credentials for delegates and alternates and blank for mortuary reports are enclosed herewith. The Post Chaplain will fill out the mortuary report and deliver it to the Post Adjutant, who will forward it with other reports to Headquarters. Bond to be executed by the Quartermaster will be furnished on request.

VIII. *Vice-Post Commanders Members of State Encampment.* — It should not be forgotten that Vice-Post Commanders are now members of the State Encampment, and, equally with the Commander and delegates, are under obligation to attend the same.

IX. *Revised Rules and Regulations.*—As amendments to the Rules and Regulations are constantly being made by the National Encampment, each Post Commander should obtain the latest revised edition of the same, which can be procured of the Assistant Quartermaster-General by the remittance of fifteen cents.

X. The following named Comrades are hereby appointed Assistant Patriotic Instructors, they having been nominated therefor by Department Patriotic Instructor George B. Fairhead:

NAME	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS	COUNTY	POST NO.
George Markle	Albany	Albany	644
George B. Herrick	Whitesville	Allegany	333
Theo. Weberg, 1740 Garfield st	New York	Bronx	96
Alfred A. Lord, 99 Court st	Binghamton	Broome	30
Thomas Gaston, 22 Inchbery st	Hamilton	Canada	472
L. E. Carr	Portville	Cattaraugus	85
C. H. Craine, 70 Holly st	Auburn	Cayuga	35
Wm. Cole, 110 Forest ave	Jamestown	Chautauqua	285
S. D. Haines, 205 Hudson st	Elmira	Chemung	6
R. H. Griffin	Sherburne	Chenango	493
John H. Moffitt	Plattsburg	Clinton	366
P. H. Garrity	Chatham	Columbia	539
Geo. Edgcomb, 16 N. Church st	Cortland	Cortland	98
W. H. Smith	Hancock	Delaware	483
Harry Murray, 64 Garden st	Poughkeepsie	Dutchess	20
Joseph W. Grosvenor, M. D	Buffalo	Erie	254
Jas. Ferguson	Ticonderoga	Essex	252
Thos. Denio	Malone	Franklin	284
I. O. Best	Broadalbin	Fulton	289
W. J. Gilboy	Batavia	Genesee	299
N. A. Calkins	Coxsackie	Greene	27
Jas. G. Burney	Little Falls	Herkimer	19
Wm. Ohors	Carthage	Jefferson	269
Miles O'Reilly, 775 Quincey st	Brooklyn	Kings	10
Wm. W. Stevens	Lowville	Lewis	200
Chas. S. Lynde	Dalton	Livingston	190
Wm. Taylor, M. D	Canastota	Madison	49
J. B. Williams	Rochester	Monroe	455
John Abeling	Amsterdam	Montgomery	33
W. H. Patterson	Freeport	Nassau	527
John W. Noble, 334 W. 56th st	New York	New York	135
J. B. Litchard	Wilson	Niagara	126
Rob J. Clark, 26 Noyes st	Utica	Oneida	14
J. H. Stevens	Geneva	Ontario	94
J. A. Allis, City Hall	Syracuse	Onondaga	66
Curtis Stanton, 83 Cartar st	Newburgh	Orange	52
Ziba Roberts, R. F. D. 6	Medina	Orleans	91
Jas. K. Prosser	Oswego	Oswego	65
C. J. Wescott	Oneonta	Otsego	119
Frank Wells	Brewster	Putnam	302
Rob MacFarlane, 329 Broadway	Long Island City	Queens	283
Edward Openshaw	New Brighton	Queens	112
David Hilton, 393 Tenth st	Troy	Rensselaer	34
Alonzo Jewell, 25 Prospect st	Nyack	Rockland	82
W. B. Pike	Gouverneur	St. Lawrence	156
H. B. Ormsbee, 159 Lake ave	Saratoga	Saratoga	92
Lewis Cohen, 109 Park pl	Schenectady	Schenectady	90
John Hunter	Esperance	Schoharie	157
E. M. Morse	Watkins	Schuyler	515
John W. Day, M. D	Waterloo	Seneca	72
Frank B. Towner	Hornell	Steuben	226
G. C. Morris	Sag Harbor	Suffolk	274
Joseph Cammer	Roscoe	Sullivan	293
Geo. Resseguie	Owego	Tioga	59
Bloom Le Barr	Ithaca	Tompkins	250
James H. Everett	Kingston	Ulster	127
Geo. F. Bryant	Glens Falls	Warren	147
Rob. M. Smith	Palmyra	Wayne	193
Wm. Cruikshank	Salem	Washington	570
Augustus Kipp, 157 Warburton st	Yonkers	Westchester	60
H. W. Burlingame	Perry	Wyoming	130
Frank Danes	Penn Yan	Yates	486

It is proper to note in this connection that the Grand Army of the Republic is strictly and in the highest degree a patriotic organization. Its mission is to educate and instruct, especially the young, along patriotic lines, and inspire reverence for the flag and the ideals it represents. Patriotic instructors are among the most important of Grand Army agencies. They should be quoted in the public press, and their voices should often be heard in the school room, and wherever people congregate.

It is desired that the assistant patriotic instructors submit a report to the patriotic instructor, on or before the first of June next, giving data as to schools visited, public addresses made and other patriotic work or activities that may have been rendered.

XI. In addition to appointments made, the following Comrades are hereby appointed Aides-de-Camp upon the staff of the Department Commander:

	Post
Richard R. Little	2
Lewis P. Beyer	2
S. M. Pooley	2
John H. McGean	2
Fred Erfling	2
Emanuel E. Joseff	2
Peter Schoeman	2
William A. Brack	2
Chas. E. Reeves	2
Frank Myers	2
Daniel Myers	2
Fred Fleming	2
Frank Hammond	2
Geo. Keller	2
Sylvenus A. Fay	2
B. M. Downer	2
Robert Baker	2
Wm. O. Myers	2
Nicholas F. Smith	2
Michael Anstett	2
Alonzo Brightman	2
Orrin C. Burdick	2

	Post
Henry H. Edson	2
James E. Josselyn	2
Peter Lippe	2
Orrin J. Paul	2
Daniel Ritzert	2
H. A. C. Schwartz	2
Geo. Speis	2
Peter Spies	2
Hartman Yox	2
C. F. Witmer	2
Schuyler Beers	6
Jacob Butterfuss	6
Rev. Samuel E. Eastman	6
G. V. R. Merrill, M. D.	6
Frederick D. Williams	6
Francis D. Carter	6
James Oswald	9
Levi E. Short	9
Newell M. Smith	9
Walter T. Smith	9
Arthur H. Howe	9
William H. Moore	9
John J. Graves	9
Geo. M. Booth	9
Edward Hurley	9
Chas. D. Zacher	9
S. S. Greene, M. D.	9
Elijah White	9
Henry M. Wright	9
C. A. Brainard	9
J. W. Wickham	9
Edward G. Burns	9
H. M. Keyes	9
Thos. G. Graham	9
Henry Pease	18
Frank Lacote	33
James W. Belknap	53

	Post
Edward D. Ronan	63
Winfield S. Requa	82
Isaac E. Wallace	82
Henry De Baum	82
Henry E. Smith	82
Stewart A. Walters	82
Frank M. Fisher	254
Edward Smith	254
R. O'Connor	254
J. W. Grosvenor, M. D.	254
M. F. Hutchinson	254
Henry Waterbury	254
Samuel G. Peters	254
Charles W. Wall	254
Michael Webb	254
Charles Bartholomy	254
Edward R. Eells	254
E. W. Seymour	254
George Moon	254
Isaac Scott	254
J. W. Overfield	254
Charles Aldons	346
T. O. Forbes	346
Joseph Women	346
David Thom	394
Robert Simpson, Jr., M. D.	434
Hiram Krill	455
Webster Young	455
G. W. Foulke	461
James Besemer	461
Washington Katen	559
George Wolf	559

The large number of Aides-de-Camp that have already accepted the position is a gratifying assurance of continued interest in the Grand Army. Aides-de-Camp constitute an important factor in the organization, and are helpful along many lines of activities.

They are expected to attend Post meetings and the State Encampment and assist not only the Commander but generally in Grand Army work.

XII. At the Fifty-third Annual Encampment of the Department of New York the following resolution was adopted:

> Whereas, This Nation has on all occasions responded to the innate desire to perpetuate the names of her illustrious soldiers and sailors and have their names emblazoned on monuments of marble; and
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> Whereas, The one name that stands in the front rank of the world's naval heroes has thus far in the metropolis of the nation and his adopted State failed to have erected to his memory a permanent and suitable stone on the ground where the hero lies buried; and
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> Whereas, The stone erected at Woodlawn Cemetery by his family displays the sign of decay; therefore, be it
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> *Resolved,* That the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of New York, in Encampment assembled at Elmira, N. Y., on the 26th day of June, 1919, recognizing the great name of Farragut, petition the Legislature of his adopted State to appropriate a sum sufficient to erect a suitable memorial to the Hero of New Orleans and Mobile Bay.
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> *Resolved,* That the Department Commander be instructed to carry out the intent of this resolution by seeking the co-operation of the New York State Memorial Commission, with a view of causing such statue to be erected at Woodlawn Cemetery. England has her Victory and Nelson, cannot America have her Farragut and Hartford?

A bill will be introduced in the next Legislature to carry into effect the purpose of the above resolution, and the members of the Committee on Legislation and all other Comrades as far as consistent and practicable are requested to join in recommending favorable action by that body.

XIII. It is not expected that another order will be issued until the nearby holiday season is over. The Commander will therefore improve this opportunity to extend to every Comrade a sincere greeting and the compliments of the coming season;

and to express the hope and belief that the appointed days will be fittingly, thoughtfully and reverently observed; that the spirit of our order, Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, may dominate; that thanksgiving may be uppermost in our thoughts, that peace and good will may reign in our hearts; and that with the incoming year we may register new resolves for the future.

A joyful Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year to all!

By command of
JOSEPH E. ELWELL,
Department Commander.

OFFICIAL:
C. A. ORR,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

INFORMATION WANTED

To locate Frank Burt, Captain Co. K, 89th N. Y. Vol. Inf., who formerly lived at West New Brighton, but in recent years lived at 81 Fulton street, New York. If deceased, the name and address of his widow, next of kin or legal representative.

To locate widow, next of kin or legal representatives of the following:

Edward LeRoy, Second Lieutenant 7th N. Y. H. Artillery, who lived and died at Karners, Albany county, N. Y.

Edward Murray, Colonel 5th N. Y. H. Artillery, whose last known address was 24 West 51st street, New York.

Norman W. Palmer, Captain 26th N. Y. Vol. Inf. and 24th N. Y. Cav., whose last known address was Honeywell avenue, corner of East 180th street, New York.

Address Pennebaker & Raum, 314–316 Stewart Building, N. W., Washington, D. C.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
CAPITOL,
ALBANY, N. Y., *January* 26, 1920.

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 4

I. *Place and Time of the Next Department Encampment.*—

The Council of Administration of the Department met at Albany on January 22. The city of Syracuse was selected as the place for the next Encampment of the Department, and June 22, 23 and 24 selected as the dates.

A more full report as to headquarters, arrangements and program will be furnished in a subsequent order.

II. *Midyear Department Report.*— The annual reports from the various Posts, and the reports of the Inspectors, have been received at Headquarters, and the installations of the officers for the ensuing year have been completed.

The number of Posts still active is 471. The decline in number from the report of one year ago is due to the fact that ten Posts have surrendered their charters and there have been three consolidations. The average membership of the Posts thus disbanded was nominally eleven. Age and disabilities have made large inroads upon all Posts and their membership alike. None is spared. Decadence is to be expected and is inevitable. It is in line with the law of humanity and divine economy. But activities may often be prolonged and suspension delayed if spirit, courage and determination are present in a sufficient degree. A case in point recently presented itself. A commander of a Post in a community of considerable numbers and means, advised the Department Commander that his Post had become reduced to seven members and that they were not able financially or otherwise to keep the Post in running order. Meetings had been abandoned, nothing was being done, and he wished to be informed as to the proper steps to be taken to surrender the charter. The answer was to try other means before surrender. Among these was to resume meetings and regular activities as far as possible and elect good patriotic citizens honorary or associate members. They in turn might organize under a name denoting connection with the Post and become practically an auxiliary organization. They would join with the Post in Camp Fires and other public meetings, and assist in Memorial Day services and other patriotic observances, and also help financially. This plan is being carried out by and in connection with many Posts in this Department, with very satisfactory results. Try it in other Posts. Some

of the strongest Posts in the State have a large associate membership.

III. The following named Comrades, in addition to those whose names have already been published, are hereby appointed Assistant Patriotic Instructors, they having been nominated therefor by Department Patriotic Instructor George B. Fairhead:

NAME	Post Office Address	County	Post No.
Norman R. Thompson	150 Allen St., Jamestown.	Chautauqua	285
George F. Sawyer	909 Fifth Ave., North Troy	Rensselaer	471
Lansing Slover	Schenectady	Schenectady	90

IV. In addition to appointments made, the following Comrades are hereby appointed Aides-de-Camp upon the staff of the Department Commander:

	POST
B. W. Austin	7
Samuel Kleinberg	509
W. E. Widrick	367

V. The approaching anniversaries of the birth of the two foremost Americans, February 12th and 22d, calls attention to the matter of their proper observance and to the character and achievements of those whom they commemorate.

The mission of Washington was formative and constructive, that of Lincoln was "to protect, preserve and defend."

Washington was "First in war, First in peace and First in the hearts of his countrymen." Lincoln by his Gettysburg Address, his second Inaugural, breathing in the midst of strife the spirit of peace and good will, by his letter to the mother who had placed five sons on the altar of freedom, and by his kindly nature, touched the hearts of the American people and of the whole world as none other has done.

Both Washington and Lincoln were wise above all others of their day and generation, and to each as far as human wisdom can determine, we are indebted for our national existence today. The principles for which they contended are never free from assault. They are being assailed in these days with unusual violence. It is the old time contest, as old as government, between the rule of the people on the one hand, and of class on the other. In such a contest the Grand Army of the Republic

cannot fall short in its duties, among which is the proper observance of the patriotic anniversaries now at hand, and the promotion as far as possible of patriotic instruction and activities.

By command of
JOSEPH E. EWELL,
Department Commander.

OFFICIAL:
C. A. ORR,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

INFORMATION WANTED

James Bassett, of Albany, N. Y., served in the Civil War, in Company E, 177th N. Y. Infantry. Address wanted, if living. If deceased, when and where did he die? Henry S. Dermot, 554 Hudson Ave., Albany, N. Y.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
CAPITOL,
ALBANY, N. Y., *January* 26, 1920.

A CIRCULAR LETTER TO GRAND ARMY POSTS AND COMRADES:

OFFICIAL:

SUBJECT: Pension Bill now pending in Congress.

COMRADES.— The so-called Fuller Bill increasing pensions of Civil War Veterans was passed by the House of Representatives at Washington, January 5, by a vote of 231 to 55, and is now pending in the Senate awaiting the action of that body.

While it is not doubted that the United States Senators from the State of New York are in full accord with the purposes of the bill, and will do all in their power to effect its passage, yet it is only fair to them that they should have the backing of the Grand Army of the Republic and a strong expression of its views.

The Commander therefore requests that all Posts pass a resolution urging favorable and prompt action on the bill, and forward a copy of the same to the United States Senators from the State of

New York at the earliest date possible. Time is an important factor, as the needs of many Comrades are urgent and their necessities great. Immediate action is therefore urged, and the hope is expressed that it may be with the emphasis and earnestness which the occasion demands.

By command of
JOSEPH E. EWELL,
Department Commander.

Official:
C. A. ORR,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
CAPITOL,
ALBANY, N. Y., *May* 1, 1920.

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 5.

I. *Memorial Day.* Another year has quickly passed, and Memorial Day with its sacred duties, opportunities and privileges is again near at hand. As May 30th falls on the first day of the week this year, the following day, May 31st, will be observed as Memorial Day.

Memorial Day has an interest peculiar to itself. Other days appeal to the religious, the patriotic and the sympathetic impulses, Memorial Day appeals to all these and more. To honor the memory of the dead is a sacred privilege, to honor the memory of our dead comrades, the Nation's dead, is a patriotic duty.

Memorial Day, by reason of its sacred memories and hallowed memories, has been observed in the past with ever-increasing interest. It is desired that a similar progression may be noted this year.

There are three principal features in a Memorial Day observance — the parade, the tribute of flowers, the service program. The parade is of special importance. It is the only time that the public see the Grand Army in military formation, and judgment in a general way is influenced by that which falls under the

observation. The parade is one form of instruction — an inspection and object lesson combined. Comrades should appear at their best on such occasions. Neatness, order, accuracy and a military bearing, as far as possible after fifty-five years, should dominate; and complete uniforms are highly desirable.

Evidence will thus be given anew of continued and sustained interest in and devotion to the flag for which our comrades fought on the battlefields of their country more than a half century ago.

Citizens generally, and especially the young, including school children and Boy Scouts, should be invited to assist in Memorial Day observances, as they have been in the past; and other Veteran war organizations should be requested to participate, not as assistants, but jointly and in co-operation with the Grand Army of the Republic. The United Spanish War Veterans and the American Legion have designated May 30th as their Memorial Day, and the Department Commanders of each of these organizations have expressed a desire for co-operation with the Grand Army of the Republic in its observance.

The Forty-fifth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic provided that flags should be placed at half-mast and bells tolled for five minutes from 12 o'clock noon at all public Grand Army exercises on Memorial Day during which time every Comrade shall remain standing uncovered.

The greatest, grandest and gentlest character of the Civil War was Abraham Lincoln. The National Encampment has directed that his Gettysburg address, fittingly rendered, should be a part of every Memorial Day observance.

Lincoln's Gettysburg Address

President Lincoln's Address at Gettysburg, November 19, 1863

Four score and seven years ago, our Fathers brought forth upon this continent a new nation, conceived in Liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great Civil War; testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final

resting place for those who here gave their lives that that Nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate — we cannot consecrate — we cannot hallow — this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it far above our power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember, what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather, to be here dedicated to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us — that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion — that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain — that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom — and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

The National Encampment has also directed that the order of Gen. John A. Logan, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, be read at all Memorial Day observances. The following is a copy of the order:

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
WASHINGTON, D. C., *May* 5, 1868.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. II.

I. The 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defence of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form of ceremony is prescribed, but Posts and Comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

We are organized, Comrades, as our Regulations tell us,

for the purpose, among other things, "of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion." What can aid more to assure this result than by cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foes. Their soldier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains, and their deaths the tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided republic.

If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remain to us.

Let us, then, at the time appointed gather round their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with the choicest flowers of springtime; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us, a sacred charge upon a nation's gratitude,— the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.

II. It is the purpose of the Commander-in-Chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope that it will be kept up from year to year while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades. He earnestly desires the public press to call attention to this Order, and lend it friendly aid in bringing it to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country in time for simultaneous compliance therewith.

III. Department Commanders will use every effort to make this Order effective.

By command of

JOHN A. LOGAN, *Commander-in-Chief.*
N. P. CHIPMAN, *Adjutant-General.*

The responsibility for the proper observance of Memorial Day is placed upon the several Posts, and except as directed by the National Encampment they are free to exercise their own judgment in all matters. The Department Commander has no authority regarding the same except to suggest and advise.

II. *Memorial Sunday.*— The Sunday preceding Memorial Day has long been observed as Memorial Sunday. In churches generally the service on that day includes memorial features. Comrades in a body and in uniform should attend some designated church and join in the service not only by their presence, but by taking some active part if possible as opportunity may offer.

Memorial Sunday falls on May 23d this year.

III. *Veteran Organizations of Other Wars.*— It is desirable that the sympathetic relations between the Grand Army of the Republic and other War Veteran organizations should be in evidence upon all occasions, and especially upon Memorial Day. As the United Spanish War Veterans and The American Legion have both designated May 30th their Memorial Day, it seems fitting and appropriate that they should not only cooperate, but unite with the Grand Army in its observance. In that spirit the Commander addressed a communication to each of the above organizations touching Memorial Day, and has received reply as follows:

SPANISH WAR VETERANS, Department of New York,
ROOM 7, CITY HALL, New York City,
April 25th, 1920.

JOSEPH E. EWELL, *Commander, Department of New York, Grand Army of the Republic:*

DEAR COMRADE.— Your inspiring letter received and you will find it published in my General Order Number 9.

How can I thank you for your generous encouragement in our work of perpetuation of the principles for which the Veteran stands.

It is the strict adherence to the noblest principles of our glorious organization which prompts your purpose, Patriotism.

Your offer brings to my mind the inspiring words of the poet —

"To you from fallen hands we throw the torch
To pick it up and raise it high."

Into our hands you threw the torch at Antietam, Gettysburg and the Appomatox, and we picked it up and raised it high in '98.

From Cuba, the Philippines and China it was raised again and carried burning across the sea; and so on down the line it will be carried just as long as the future will live the eternal principles which govern the G. A. R., the U. S. W. V. and the American Legion — Freedom, Patriotism and Humanity.

I can safely say that there is no body of people who holds the members of the Grand Army of the Republic in greater veneration and love than the Comrades of the U. S. W. V., which I have the honor to represent. The Spirit which preserved the Union: the Spirit which drove tyranny from this continent: the Spirit which crushed military autocracy, united in the soul of America, would insure for all times the eternal principles of the founders of our nation; For God and Country.

I have the honor to remain yours in F. P. & H.,

THOMAS F. GANNON,
Department Commander.

The American Legion, Department of New York,
State Headquarters, 54 Wall Street, New York City
March 16, 1920.

Mr. Joseph E. Ewell, *Department Commander, Grand Army of the Republic:*

My dear Mr. Ewell:— In reply to your letter of March

12th regarding Memorial Day and the American Legion, I am quoting you herewith report of the National Committee on Post Activities and Memorials as adopted by the first National Convention of the American Legion at Minneapolis, Minn., last November:

"We recommend that May 30th be designated as the American Legion Memorial Day. * * * "

I am certain that it is the unanimous desire of the American Legion Posts throughout this state to unite wherever possible with the Grand Army of the Republic in the observance of this day.

We should appreciate very much in this office, detailed instruction from you as to how we can best bring about the combined observance of this day by the Grand Army and the American Legion.

Sincerely yours,

WADE H. HAYES,

Commander Department of New York.

The matter of joint or united action in respect to Memorial Day observances rests exclusively with the various Posts. The Department Commander can only submit a suggestion which is, that the representatives of the Post or Posts place themselves in communication with the representatives of other organizations, and if agreeable to all, make and carry out a program in which they may jointly unite.

IV. *Mother's Day.*— May 9th will be observed as Mother's Day.

The sentiment of Mother's Day touches us deeply and calls for a responsive observance and fitting expression. Her burdens and sorrows outweighed those of all others. She not only toiled within the range of her personal activities, but her inspiring and loving influence was felt around every camp-fire and at every battle front. In a broader sense it is fitting to recognize the sacred character and mission of motherhood, and pay homage to its nobility and worth. A white carnation is the recognized flower of Mother's Day: let it be everywhere in evidence upon that occasion as well as other expressions of our loving and appreciative regard for Civil War mothers and those of later wars as well.

Flag Day.— Wednesday, June 14th, will be observed as Flag Day, it being the anniversary of its adoption by the Continental Congress in 1777. It should be displayed in every possible way upon that day as evidence of our loyalty and devotion to it, and as an object lesson especially for the young. Patriotic Instructors should give instruction as to its meaning and significance as opportunity presents itself.

V. Comrade George B. Fairhead, Department Patriotic Instructor, contributes the following suggestions touching Memorial Day observances:

"Our Commander asks for some suggestions for Memorial Day. I have been heartily in these services from the first. In a survey of the past, to catch the spirit of the Day and Service, the following comes distinctly to mind. Carried out it would add variety, and patriotic ardor to the service.

"1st. Select some alert young veteran of the World War, or a grandson of 1861, to thoroughly commit and deliver Lincoln's Gettysburg address.

"2d. Select an ardent Red Cross young woman to so commit and deliver Longfellow's Ship of State as follows:

"Thou, too, sail on, O ship of State.
Sail on, O Union, strong and great.
Humanity with all its fears,
With all its hopes of future years,
Is hanging breathless on thy fate!
We know what master laid thy keel,
What workmen wrought thy ribs of steel,
Who made each mast and sail and rope,
What anvils rang, what hammers beat,
In what a forge and what a heat
Were shaped the anchors of our hope.
"Fear not each sudden sound and shock;
'Tis of the wave and not the rock;
'Tis but the flapping of the sail,
And not a rent made by the gale;
In spite of rock and tempest roar,
In spite of false lights on the shore,
Sail on, nor fear to breast the sea.
Our hearts, our hopes, are all with thee;
Our hearts, our hopes, our prayers, our tears,
Our faith triumphant o'er our fears,
Are all with thee,— are all with thee."

"3d. Have a soloist, duet or quartet sing in glowing spirit, Julia Ward Howe's hymn, 1st, 3d and 4th stanzas, all the people 'making the welkin ring' singing the chorus.

"If each Post would follow the above plan, six hundred young people of the Empire State would find their patriotic education increased, and each audience would be glad of the work of the young people.

"But whatever service may be had, please let every Assistant Patriotic Instructor report to me at once, after May 30th.

"GEORGE B. FAIRHEAD,
"Patriotic Instructor."

The following-named Comrades, in addition to those whose names have already been published, are hereby appointed Assistant Patriotic Instructors, they having been nominated therefor by Department Patriotic Instructor George B. Fairhead:

Name	Post Office Address	Post No.
A. B. Ostrander,	501 West 182d street, New York.....	8
Henry R. Hoyt,	22 Balding avenue, Dutchess.....	20

VI. *Post Patriotic Instructors' and Chaplains' Reports.*— Post Patriotic Instructors will forward their reports through Post Commander to the County Patriotic Instructor immediately after Memorial Day, and not later than June 7. County Patriotic Instructors will forward such reports of their respective counties to the Department Patriotic Instructor, Comrade George B. Fairhead, 1657 Sunset Ave., Utica, N. Y., at the earliest possible date.

Post Chaplains will obtain from Post Commanders the Memorial Day blanks for their reports, which should be promptly made out immediately after Memorial Day and forwarded to the Assistant Adjutant-General, Department Headquarters, Capitol, Albany, New York.

VII. *Department Encampment.*— The Fifty-fourth Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will convene in the city of Syracuse on June 22, 23 and 24, 1920.

The Department Headquarters will be established at the Onondaga Hotel, and will be opened for business at 2 o'clock P. M., June twenty-second.

Post Commanders and delegates will report to the Assistant

Adjutant-General immediately upon arrival. It is highly important that all credentials be promptly presented.

The following list of hotel rates has been received from Comrade James A. Allis, Chairman Citizen's Committee, City Hall, Syracuse:

Empire House	$1.00	to	$2.00	per day.
Winchester Hotel	1.00			
Howard House	1.00	to	2.00	per day.
Cahill's Hotel	.50	to	.75	per day.
St. Cloud Hotel	1.50	to	2.50	per day.
Jefferson Hotel	1.50	to	3.00	per day.
Manhattan Hotel	1.00	to	1.25	per day.
East Fayette Hotel	1.50	to	2.50	per day.
Onondaga Hotel	2.00	up.		
Yates Hotel	2.00	up.		
Rooms at private houses	1.00	up.		

Information bureaus will be found at the depot and at Headquarters.

Points of interest: Syracuse University, Stadium, Onondaga Park and Hiawatha Lake.

VIII. *Aides-de-Camp.*— The Aide-de-Camp constitute a highly important branch of the Grand Army organization. Their duties in the way of assistants cover the entire range of Grand Army activities. Their presence and aid upon any and all occasions count for much, and is greatly appreciated. Nearly six hundred have signified their acceptance this year, which shows a gratifying interest. Aides-de-Camp are earnestly requested to call at Department Headquarters as early as possible after the Encampment convenes, for consultation and for such assignments as may be required. Commanders of Posts and others are requested to forward to Headquarters the names of such Comrades as may be willing to serve the Commander-in-Chief as Aides-de-Camp and the Department Commander will forward them to National Headquarters.

IX. In addition to appointments made, the following Comrades are hereby appointed Aides-de-Camp upon the staff of the Department Commander:

REV. GEORGE B. FAIRHEAD
PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

HARRY T. DUNBAR
MEDICAL DIRECTOR

REV. D. P. LAPPENS
CHAPLAIN

	Post
C. C. Beauchamp	233
James Younie	233

X. *Appropriation for Memorial Day and for Burial of Deceased Soldiers, Sailors and Marines.*— The Legislature of 1919 enacted an amendment to section thirty-six of the Laws of 1909, providing that it shall be lawful for town boards to appropriate a sum not exceeding seventy-five dollars (in place of fifty dollars as previously provided) for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the proper observance of Memorial Day. (Chap. 194, Laws of 1919.)

It also amended section eighty-four of chapter forty-six of the Laws of 1909, providing for the burial of soldiers, sailors and marines so as to include widows of deceased soldiers who had been married to them previous to 1918 (in place of 1910 as previously provided) and authorized an expenditure of seventy-five dollars for burial purposes (instead of fifty dollars as previously provided). (Laws of 1919, Chap. 110.) The above is noted here for the reason that it was omitted from the last Encampment Proceedings.

XI. *Transportation.*— The Railroad Trunk Line Association has granted a rate of one and one-third fare, with minimum of $1.00, for a round-trip to the Syracuse Encampment, June 22-24, 1920, from all points in the State of New York, for members of the Grand Army of the Republic and affiliated organizations and dependent members of their families. Tickets will be sold from June 18 to 24, and will be good returning from June 22 to 27, starting point must be reached not later than midnight, June 30th.

Identification certificates must be procured in order to make this rate available. They may be obtained from the Assistant Adjutant-General G. A. R. Headquarters, Capitol, Albany, N. Y. Orders for requisite number of identification certificates should be placed by Post Commanders promptly in order to insure timely delivery. Certificates can also be obtained from G. A. R. Headquarters in New York City, Room No. 1, City Hall.

XII. *National Encampment.*— The fifty-fourth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will convene at

Atlantic City, N. J., during the week commencing September 26th, 1920.

The Headquarters of the Department of New York will be at the Hotel Wiltshire. New York will be entitled to thirty-four delegates. A rate of one cent a mile each way has been granted by the Trunk Line Association.

XIII. *National Aides-de-Camp.*— Post Commanders are requested to forward to Headquarters names and addresses of Comrades who are willing to serve as Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief.

XIV. *Memoranda.*— Comrade Isidore Isaacs, New York City, has been elected by the National Council of Administration as Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief to succeed Comrade Charles B. Wilson, who became Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief upon the death of Commander-in-Chief James D. Bell.

XV. Comrades who desire copies of the National Encampment Journals for the years 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917 may secure them by writing Mr. George H. Carter, Clerk, Joint Committee on Printing, Washington, D. C.

XVI. The Atlantic City Encampment Committee has prepared a list of hotels and rates for the National Encampment. These lists will be sent to the Department Headquarters and a copy will be enclosed with General Orders to each Post. All communications with reference to the National Encampment should be addressed to Mr. Charles F. Stine, Secretary G. A. R. Encampment Committee, care Atlantic Publicity Bureau, Atlantic City, N. J.

XVII. The dedication of the Amphitheatre at Arlington Cemetery will take place May 15, under the auspices of the Grand Army of the Republic, Commander-in-Chief Daniel M. Hall, presiding. Comrades are invited to attend these services.

XVIII. *Pensions.*— Comrades are to be congratulated upon the passage of the Fuller Pension bill which became a law May 1st by the signature of the President on that day. Upon the receipt of the intelligence the Commander wired the thanks of the Department to President Wilson, Vice-President Marshall and Speaker of the House of Representatives. A reply acknowledging receipt

of same was received from J. P. Tumulty, the Secretary to the President.

Among the many provisions in the act is that increasing the pension of all Civil War Veterans to fifty dollars a month in cases where it was previously below that amount, and the pension of widows and army nurses to thirty dollars a month. The additional amount will be included in the July and subsequent payments.

By command of
JOSEPH E. EWELL,
Department Commander.

Official:
C. A. ORR,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
CAPITOL,
ALBANY, N. Y., *June* 1, 1920.

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 6

DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT

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Post Commanders, Senior and Junior Vice Commanders and delegates will report to the Assistant Adjutant-General immediately upon arrival. It is highly important that all credentials be promptly presented.

Particular attention is called to the fact that the Senior and Junior Vice-Post-Commanders are now entitled to seats in the Department Encampment. All such officers are, therefore, urged to avail themselves of this privilege by attendance at this Encampment.

Committee on Credentials.— Comrade Edward J. Mitchell, of Post 60, Comrade F. A. M. Ball, of Post 151, and Comrade Adam J. Wagner, of Post 542, are hereby appointed as the Committee on Credentials.

This Committee will be in session at Department Headquarters on Tuesday, June 22, from 2 p. m. to 6 p. m. Wednesday morning its location will be transferred to the State Armory, where it will be in session from 8 to 9 a. m. and from 10 a. m. to noon.

Official Detail:

Officer of the Day ..... Henry Lenz
Officer of the Guard ..... Martin Knauber
Guard ..... Geo. Van Alstine
Guard ..... August Ohman
Guard ..... Chas. T. Hubbard
Guard ..... John Standen
Guard ..... Chas. E. Underhill
Guard ..... Henry M. Jeffrey

The Business Sessions of the various organizations will be held at the following places:

Grand Army of the Republic.— State Armory.

Sons of Veterans.— Yates Hotel.

Woman's Relief Corps.— 4th Presbyterian Church, corner Onondaga and Harrison streets.

Ladies of the G. A. R.— Y. M. C. A. Hall, Montgomery St.

Daughters of Veterans.— Sunday School Room 1st Baptist Church, Jefferson street.

Sons of Veterans Auxiliary.— Yates Hotel.

Bureau of Information will be established at the Onondaga Hotel, where a corps of Boy Scouts will be in attendance to act as guides.

Members of Local Committee on Accommodations at Stations on arrival of trains, together with Boy Scouts to act as guides.

Department Headquarters at Albany will be closed from Saturday, June 19, to Monday, June 28, 1920.

Comrades and others, who have not secured quarters before reaching Syracuse, should proceed at once to the Onondaga Hotel

where a Bureau of Information and where a corps of Boy Scouts will be in attendance to act as guides.

The Council of Administration will meet at Headquarters, Onondaga Hotel, at 3 o'clock p. m., June 22.

Comrade C. A. Weaver has been appointed to prepare and publish a program for general distribution.

Daily Programme:

TUESDAY, June 22

Opening of Headquarters 2 p. m.

Comrade B. Frank Raze, Post 9, is detailed as Acting Assistant Adjutant-General and assigned to duty at Headquarters.

Registration of Commanders, Senior and Junior, Vice-Commanders and Delegates, 2–6 p. m.

Reception of the Woman's Relief Corps and the Ladies of the Grand Army, and the Daughters of Veterans, at the Onondaga Hotel, 8 p. m.

It is requested that, as far as possible, all comrade reunions and other social functions be arranged for Tuesday evening.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

Registration of Commanders, Senior and Junior Vice-Commanders and Delegates 8 to 9 a. m., and 10 a. m. to noon.

Department Parade, G. A. R., 9:30 a. m.

Comrade Thomas Lane, Grand Marshal.

The line will form on Jefferson street, right resting on Montgomery street. The Parade will move along East Onondaga street to S. State to E. Genesee to S. Salina to the Armory.

The escorting bodies will form on both sides of Jefferson street and salute the veterans of the Grand Army as they pass in review; they will then follow the Grand Army into the Armory, to which also all the auxiliary bodies will be admitted and are invited.

Captain James A. Allis, Chairman of the Executive Committee G. A. R., in the chair. Welcome to Syracuse by the Mayor of the City, Hon. Harry Farmer; Response for the Grand Army, by Department Commander Joseph E. Ewell. At the conclusion

of his remarks the Department Commander will assume the chair, to receive Greetings from Delegations from the various auxiliary organizations. To respond to these greetings the Commander will announce names of Comrades later.

Business Session, 2 p. m.

Camp Fire, 8 p. m.

The Camp Fire will be held in the Main Hall of the Armory, at 8 p. m., June 23, Quartermaster-General G. A. R. Cola D. R. Stowits, in the chair.

The speakers will be the Commander-in-Chief, Daniel M. Hall, United States Senator James W. Wadsworth, Jr., Chancellor Day of Syracuse University and Corporal Tanner, Past Commander-in-Chief.

A Glee Club will sing patriotic songs and a band render instrumental music.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 9 A. M.

Business Session, including installation of newly elected officers, at 11 a. m.

Adjournment.

V. *Per Capita Tax.*—The attention of Post Commanders is again called to the amendment to the Rules and Regulations adopted by the National Encampment, whereby the semi-annual reports ordinarily made for the term ending June 30 are discontinued. Especial attention is directed to the rule which provides that the per capita tax must be based on the report for the term ending December 31, 1919.

The per capita tax is due at Headquarters not later than July 10.

By command of
JOSEPH E. EWELL,
Department Commander.

OFFICIAL:
C. A. ORR,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
CAPITOL,
ALBANY, N. Y., *May* 17, 1920.

SPECIAL ORDER,
No. 1.

Wade H. Hayes, Department Commander of the American Legion, has advised the Commander of this Department that the Legion will conduct a Membership Campaign in this State from May 17th to May 29th inclusive, and has requested the Grand Army Posts of this State to aid and assist the American Legion Posts in this important work.

It is the desire of the Department Commander that the request be complied with to the fullest possible extent and in the spirit in which it is presented. As stated in our last General Order, "It is desirable that the sympathetic relations between the Grand Army of the Republic and other War Veteran Organizations be in evidence on all occasions." Let it be in evidence at this time not only in a sympathetic but in a practical way.

By command of
JOSEPH E. EWELL,
Department Commander.

OFFICIAL:
C. A. ORR,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

Sidney Post No. 41, and Mix Post No. 250 of Ithaca, N. Y., have made use of the following ritual for the past two years upon Memorial Day in memory of all who have served their country in the wars of the United States. It is printed here for the convenience of those who may care to make use of it.

A Ritual for Dipping the Flag in memory of all who have served their country in the wars of the United States.

THE RITUAL OF "DIPPING THE FLAG"

DIPPING THE FLAG

The Ritual of Remembrance

In memory of all who have served their country in the wars of the United States.

As used by Sidney Post No. 41, G. A. R., and the James E. Mix Post No. 250, G. A. R., Ithaca, N. Y., May 30, 1918, and 1919.

The ritual officer or speaker stands in front of the monument or other chosen place, the flag bearer facing him, and a Boy Scout on either side of the flag.

After the historical introduction, at the end of each rubric, at the order, "Dip the Flag," the color bearer will dip the flag, and on its being raised again, the Boy Scouts will face about, salute the colors, and then again face the speaker. The flag bearer remains in one position facing the speaker except to dip the flag, during the entire ceremony. At the final rubric, all the company present, with bowed heads and uplifted hands, say "Amen."

After the historical introduction, when the ceremony of the dipping of the flag begins, all present rise and remain standing until the "Amen" pronounced in unison by all.

The proper moment having arrived the ritual officer or speaker reads the following:

Comrades, Friends and Fellow Americans, One and All:

Our Decoration Day, begun by the laying of flowers on the graves of soldiers of the Union Army, has expanded into a Memorial Day, in which we remember all the brave men who in its service gave, or who risked their lives for the nation. The development of the country and the exigencies of the world's history have made this our most appropriate duty and our patriotic joy.

Now that we have not only a federal, but a truly national republic; now that we have sent the nation's defenders beyond

the oceans, the Atlantic as well as the Pacific, it is altogether meet that we should do this with fullness of heart.

We, therefore, in solemn gathering of the old and the young, on this day of hallowed memories, and giving all glory to God, the Guide of our fathers and our own Infinite Friend, do hereby commemorate, with grateful honors, all those who, by anticipation, in the early days of the Colonies, looked forward to the blooming of the wilderness and the creation of a State, wherein their children should have peace and protection:

All those who, in the events leading to the American Revolution, consecrated themselves to liberty, safeguarded by law:

All those who, in "the time that tried men's souls," risked life or gave it for the United States of America:

All those who, in 1812, fought for the freedom of the seas:

All those who, under the Stars and Stripes, obeyed the nation's call in Mexico:

All those who, in the war for the Union, counted not their lives dear unto them, that they might save the government founded by their fathers:

All those who in Asia, in the Philippines or the West Indies, helped to drive out of the world the last vestiges of monarchial oppression:

All those who, on land or sea, to make the world safe for democracy — the rule of the people — offered health, life or services freely that freedom might live; we to-day

Dip the Flag

(Here all rise, facing the colors.)

in one all-inclusive proffer of honor and admiration, while we pray to Almighty God that we, and those who come after us, may ever be willing to sacrifice for our country, as gloriously as those who have gone before us.

And in this memorial, we desire to remember recently and with grateful appreciation the women of our country, who, whether near the battle field front or at home, walked with, fed, sustained, cheered, nursed, and were ever helpmates to the men, their brothers, sons, lovers, husbands, fathers, friends; all the sons and daughters, boys and girls, who, within the limits of

their understanding and abilities, entered into the spirit of their parents in later life, walked in their footsteps.

And in our hallowed remembrance and with a grateful sense of obligations, we desire to recall, not only those who died in battle, with fame and glory, but also those who suffered and died by accident, in the hospital, in camps, on picket, scouting or cannon duty, whether in air, on the earth or under the water, or those who afar off in distant lands, found honored graves, while in the path of duty, protecting the lives or property of Americans, or asserting the majesty of the United States government, and all those who in any way were servants of the nation.

We, therefore, children of the fathers whose honored dust is beneath our feet in the earth, do, in remembrance of the colonial pioneers who began homes in the American wilderness.

Dip the Flag

To the Continental soldiers of the Revolution, and to all the loyal women of the thirteen original States, who won our independence, and we

Dip the Flag

To the sailors and soldiers of the War of 1812, which consolidated the nation, we

Dip the Flag

To the marines, soldiers and sailors, both volunteers and regulars who carried the Stars and Stripes into the halls of the Montezumas, we

Dip the Flag

To all those in the Grand Army of the Republic who gave their last full measure of devotion, that government of the people, by the people and for the people might not perish from the earth, and to the women who, in heart and purpose, marched with them, we

Dip the Flag.

To all those who in life or death served their country, that on this continent, and in the islands east and west, freedom might be perpetuated and monarchy pass, we

Dip the Flag

To all those who in the great World War, whether at home, in Flanders or the land of Lafayette, or at the ends of the earth, in air, water or land, risked or gave their lives in so nobly vindicating American principles and by word and example illustrating the spirit of '76 and '61, and to all whether at home or abroad, who were banded together for service, and yielded heavily, limb or life for their country, whether on deck, field, trench, camp or hospital, ship yard, arsenal or munition factory, strove in unity of hand and mind to achieve the great result, we

Dip the Flag

(Here all uncover and lift up hands.)

And we all, with uncovered heads, and lifted hands, pledge anew our allegiance to our flag and country; and, hearing the call of those who died for the sacred symbol and the glorious reality, pray the Almighty Ruler of Nations to make us faithful in our day and generation.

In the name of our fathers' God! Amen.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

SYRACUSE, N. Y., JUNE 23 AND 24, 1920.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 1920 — MORNING SESSION.

The annual parade of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the escorting bodies having been completed and the Comrades of the Grand Army, the members of their various auxiliary organizations and a large number of the people of Syracuse having assembled in the main drill hall of the State Guard Armory of Syracuse, Captain James A. Allis, Chairman of the Executive Committee of Arrangements, took the chair and called the encampment to order at 11 A. M., as follows:

CHAIRMAN ALLIS: The meeting will come to order.

The Chairman of the Committee on Credentials has an announcement to make at this time.

COMRADE MITCHELL: *Comrades*: The Committee on Credentials will meet in the room on the left hand side of the corridor, and if there are any comrades who desire to present their credentials and receive their badges, so they can be admitted to the encampment, it would be well for them to do so now.

CHAIRMAN ALLIS: We will now listen to the invocation by the Chaplain, Comrade Reverend D. P. Lappeus of Schenevus, New York.

CHAPLAIN D. P. LAPPEUS: Oh God, Father of all, we bow before Thee. We come with grateful hearts, because of Thy goodness, for the protection that Thou hast granted us during the past, and, now, we ask that Thy divine blessing may rest upon us. Guide us in all things, that we may honor Thee and that honor may accrue to that great and grand organization, the

G. A. R., of which we are members. Grant us Thy blessing. We ask it in the name of the Great Commander, Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Led by the Band, those present stood and sang the Star Spangled Banner).

CHAIRMAN ALLIS: I have received the following communication, which I am requested to read to you:

"Syracuse Public Library, Syracuse, N. Y.,

June 22, 1920.

SECRETARY, Grand Army of the Republic for the State of New York.

SIR: Will you be kind enough to give notice at the opening meeting of your organization tomorrow that the Public Library at Montgomery and Jefferson Streets will be most happy to welcome the G. A. R. men and members of affiliated organizations during the encampment? Special displays of pictures, books, maps of the Gettysburg battlefield and other material will be displayed and members of the staff will show special attention to these honored guests of the city during their stay.

Very sincerely yours,

PAUL M. PAINE,

Librarian."

The Collins Military Library, containing Adjutant-Generals' Reports, Histories of Regiments, etc., will be found in the Syracuse Room on the Second Floor."

Comrades and Friends: I have the pleasure of introducing to you Colonel Harry H. Farmer, Mayor of the City of Syracuse, who is one of the boys who went "Over There." (Applause.)

HON. HARRY H. FARMER, MAYOR OF SYRACUSE: Mr. Chairman, Members of the Grand Army of the Republic, their Sons and Daughters, Ladies and Gentlemen: This is indeed a great pleasure and a most distinguished honor which I have in the privilege of coming here and welcoming you to the city of Syracuse. I believe this is the most distinguished audience that I have had the pleasure of addressing. As I look over and see all these

heads, crowned with ermine, it seems as though I was facing all the sages of the State of New York.

I am very proud of the privilege to be able to call you Comrades. There is a boon of companionship between all veterans, whether they are old or young (applause). And, I tell you that the old veterans of the G. A. R. mean a great deal more to a man after he has had a little taste of war himself (applause). When I was a boy and heard the old boys tell their stories, they did not mean much to me. They would tell about going into the charge, of being under fire, how they received the grape and canister, getting shelled from the hills behind. It never meant much to me. I enjoyed hearing them, and I even believed the fellow who said that when he went into the battle he was not afraid (laughter). But, in the light of recent experiences, I now believe that that fellow had a habit, when a boy, of stretching the truth and that his military experiences did not help that habit any (laughter).

If you will pardon me, I will tell a story. I heard it told twenty-five years ago by a most distinguished member of your organization who sits here in this encampment, Corporal Tanner. (Applause.) And, you know, he knows how to tell a story, and this will illustrate my point. The Corporal said at the close of the Seven Days' Battle at Malvern Hill, the Federal forces had gathered up the bank of that hill. There they had tier upon tier of artllery and rifle pits at the bottom. The Rebels came up, regimental front, and marched as though they were on parade. A cotton-tail, rabbit, at the head of the line, became frightened and started to run, and finding no other place to go, ran down into the lines between the regiments. A Rebel captain stopped his horse, stood up in his stirrups and said, "Go on, old cottontail. If it was not for reputation's sake, I would be hanged if I wouldn't be right with you." (Laughter and applause.) And, I guess, you have all felt that way a good many times. (Laughter.)

There is nothing I can say here this morning that will add to the luster, the glory, or the respect in which we all hold the Grand Army of the Republic. (Applause.) We want you to know that the citizens of Syracuse admire you for what you did in '61 to '65, and they admire you for what you have stood for since.

(Applause.) And, your great veteran organization ought to be a precedent and a copy for the new veteran organizations to follow after you. (Applause.)

It gives me great pleasure this morning to welcome you to our city, a city, with its suburbs, composed of 200,000 souls; a city of homes and of schools and of churches. We make here in the city of Syracuse everything you wear, everything you use in your homes. We make the furnace in your cellar, the laundry tubs in your basement and the washer in your basement. We make the radiators upstairs, the rugs you use on your floors, the furniture that is in your rooms, the silverware and the china that is on your tables, the beds upstairs in the bedrooms and the mattress that lies on it. We make everything here that you use on your tables. We can milk, we can fruits, we can vegetables, and we make the cans we put them in. We make some of the best automobiles in the United States and we make the tires that go on them. We make the gears that are used on all the best machines in the United States, and we make all automobile accessories. We make everything that has to do with electric lights and ship them out of Syracuse, except the juice, and if the light goes out on you, we make the candle that you can carry to bed to light the way just the same. (Laughter and applause.)

I might, in making this welcome to you, touch just a note of sadness, but I have discovered among veterans and soldiers, whether in the camp or on the battlefield or in the hospital, there is no sadness. There is a spirit of joy and of levity. They are all thankful for what they have escaped. They are thankful that the Lord let them come through as well as they are, and I am not going to introduce a note of sadness here this morning, except to say this, that I may be the last mayor of the city of Syracuse to have the privilege of welcoming to our city an encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Now, I want you all to have a good time here, you, boys, seventy years young, and your wives and daughters and sons. In a dry period, such as this, I know it will be perfectly safe for me to give you all the keys of the city. Go the limit. Have a good time. Remember it when you are gone. Tell it to your friends, and if you have an opportunity to come again, we want you to come and be merry. I thank you. (Applause.)

Chairman Allis: The Commander of the Department of New York, Joseph E. Ewell, will respond to the speech of welcome made by the Mayor, and to him I will turn over the authority of this encampment. I introduce to you now your Department Commander, Joseph E. Ewell. (Applause.)

Commander Ewell: Mr. Mayor: On behalf of the Department of New York, Grand Army of the Republic and its affiliated organizations, I thank you for your kindly greeting and for the welcome you have extended to us upon this occasion. When the word was passed along our lines some time ago that you might extend an invitation to us to hold this encampment in your city, we were very greatly pleased. We took note of the fact that Syracuse was centrally located, convenient of access from all directions and that it was a city of good repute.

But that was not the principal cause of our jubilation. The major reason was that we had broken bread with you before and that we had experienced your hospitality upon several previous occasions with such a degree of satisfaction to ourselves, that we were delighted with the prospect of another serving of the same sort. As a result, when the invitation came, it was quickly accepted, and here we are in response. (Applause.)

It is a far cry in the matter of achievements from the Long House of the Iroquois, which was in this vicinity, to the magnificent public buildings of Syracuse to-day. But it is not so far in the calendar of time; and there may not have been a great change in some other respects. The Long House was supposed to be a (long talk) house, and it is not understood that the people of Syracuse have lost the power of speech. The voice of the Iroquois went out from the Long House with tragic significance and with commanding influence. The voice of Syracuse goes out to-day from the public forum, and from the great council chambers of the state and nation with even greater force and with higher and nobler purposes.

Many names, distinguished in war and in peace and in Grand Army councils, come to our minds when Syracuse is mentioned. Sumner, Peck, Slocum, Barnum, Sniper, Poole and Burhans, have added luster that will long remain; and the name is legion of those of your beautiful city who have attained distinction as

statesmen, as great leaders, and in the higher professions; and the magnificent educational institution, that bears your name, sends out its illuminating rays to every quarter of the globe. For that reason, as well as for many others, we are not only glad, but we are proud to accept your hospitalities upon this occasion.

We are here, a fragment of a greater Grand Army of the Republic that in the early sixties of the last century fought for humanity, civilization and posterity on two thousand five hundred battles and gloriously won, and because of that victory, we to-day are living under the shadow of the greatest and grandest nation that the world has even seen. (Applause.)

We come here, Mr. Mayor, bearing the same torch that we bore on previous occasions, but it is borne by fewer hands. Many of our members have passed over to greener fields on the other side, but we who remain have the same indomitable spirit and the same degree of patriotic trust and hope and pride as of old. We are still for the old flag, (Applause), the American flag, and not a flag with frills to it. We are for the flag of Washington, the flag of Lincoln, the flag of Unconditional Surrender Grant. (Applause.)

Time may have taken some of our numbers and diminished our membership, but our pride is unimpaired and nothing hurts our feelings more than to have some young man, and worse yet, some young lady, arise in a street car, when we feel fit for a marathon, and offer us a seat. I have some feelings on that subject for an experience of that sort came to me on my trip to this Encampment. I was a little inclined to feel resentful, but when I thought it over, I concluded that it was all right. I had taken myself too seriously. It was not I to whom the respect was shown, but the little bronze button on my coat. (Applause.) We may not realize or appreciate our oncoming infirmities, but there is one thing we do know and are ready to admit, and that is that our beauty, if we ever had any, is somewhat on the toboggan slide. Time has plowed its furrows in our cheeks, and our golden locks,— where are they? Some are conspicuous by their absence, and some of them are frayed and frazzled and fragmentary beyond recognition, and we have found that photographers have lost their cunning and that mirrors have gone wrong.

Mr. Mayor, we accept your kind invitation in the spirit in which it was given, and during our stay with you we will endeavor to prove ourselves worthy of your hospitality, and we will put our best foot forward and do all that we can to keep out of trouble and out of jail. (Applause and laughter.)

(Three cheers were given for the boys that went over there and for Syracuse and its mayor.)

Commander Ewell: The representatives of the Associated Organizations are requested to retire to the Ante Room, where they will be met and escorted to the platform.

I will designate Comrades Isaacs, Tidball and Stowits a committee to attend upon the representatives of the Associated Organizations and to escort them to the platform.

(Representatives of affiliated organizations escorted to the platform by the committee.)

Commander Ewell: Comrades of the Affiliated Organizations: You need not be told by me that the Grand Army of the Republic has great regard and respect for the organization which you represent, and that they are very close to our hearts. The Relief Corps, of course, comes first in point of time and in point of numbers. The Ladies of the G. A. R. have a special hold on our affections, and the Daughters, why, of course, they are the pet of the household. They can do what they have a mind to; and as to the young men, the Sons, why, we expect from them the hard work, and that they will help us along in all sorts of ways; and affiliated as we are, we are all doing something to carry out the promise made by Abraham Lincoln, to look out for those who have borne the heat of battle and their widows and their orphans.

First, we will receive the greetings from the Woman's Relief Corps.

I have the privilege of presenting to you, first, Mary Shoemaker, the Department President of the Woman's Relief Corps.

REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

Department Commander, Joseph E. Ewell, and Members of the Grand Army of the Republic:

It is my great privilege and pleasure, as Department President of the Woman's Relief Corps, to bring to you the greetings of ten thousand and forty-five members, and also to submit to you a report of the work we have accomplished for the year. Our principal work is Relief, and in the last year we have expended $3,702.55, in cash, and $3,115.65 in Relief, other than money. We have turned over to the Posts $956.24. We have assisted 1,506 persons. We have expended for flowers, $2,326.29. We have paid into the Southern Memorial Fund, $158.95. Money expended for flags and other patriotic work, $1,425.05, and we have presented to Schools, Sunday Schools and Churches, 658 flags. This report does not tell of the many sick calls made by the members, of the many baskets of fruit brought to those who no longer can meet with their comrades on Memorial Day.

Our organization appreciates the honor of being the recognized Auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic, and, as the mother organization, extends cordial greetings to all the other Patriotic Orders, especially the World War veterans, who are our youngest veterans, and also to the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, who are all helping in the grand work of patriotism.

Commander Ewell, I hope this report meets with your approval, and again we pledge our love and loyalty to the Grand Army of the Republic, One Country, One Language and One Flag.

COMMANDER EWELL: Comrades, I will ask Comrade Fairhead to respond to the greetings of the Woman's Relief Corps on behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic.

COMRADE FAIRHEAD: Commander and Mr. President: I am glad to greet you, especially the President of the Woman's Relief Corps. I had no idea that I would be called into the front at this point, but I am glad to say that I have been stepping along with these old youngsters for all the years, and there is nothing nearer my heart than a warm sympathy for these ripe heads that

I see and beneath them the hearts that are warm for God, for one country, one language and one flag (applause), as our sister has just expressed it.

I am glad that we have had the honor of listening to a woman who has presented the status of things so clearly and who has portrayed so strikingly the mutual helpfulness of women. What would this world do without women? What would it do without the other associated helpers? I am very glad that we can rejoice in their love, for love is worth while and makes life worth living. Women and girls, we love you all, and we love you all the more as our comrades.

Commander Ewell: We will next call upon the representatives of the Ladies of the G. A. R.

It is my privilege to introduce to you the Department President of the Ladies of the G. A. R., Mrs. Anna L. French.

Mrs. Anna L. French, the Department President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic: Commander and Comrades: It is always a privilege to pay a tribute to the Grand Army of the Republic, for you are the men to whom we owe our all. We are proud of the honors won by you upon the battlefield and hold in loving memory your gallant deeds. Your fame and glory is a great trust to be cherished and preserved through each generation. As a representative of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, I have the honor, Comrades, to greet you. There is a tie that binds the veteran soldier to the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic that nothing can sever. We are bound to them with the strongest tie of humanity, the tie of blood.

Fifty-five years have passed since you laid away your implements of warfare, your guns and swords have rusted, but the same zeal, the same fire and the same patriotism burns in your hearts to-day. Your lessons of patriotism were well taught, as was shown in the late war by the ready response of your grandsons, the Boys in Khaki. Your victory and theirs have made it possible whereby the glorious stars and stripes may float over a nation in which the people can truthfully say, One nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. (Applause.)

And to you, my dear Commander, on behalf of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, I wish to present this flag, the

emblem of our country. May you keep it always and may it ever remind you of the love and devotion of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

COMMANDER EWELL: We accept this flag in the same spirit in which it is given. It is the most beautiful of all flags, because of what it represents. We thank you for this gift. I can assure you that nothing could be more highly prized by us.

I will call upon Comrade Jones to reply to the greetings given by the President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

COMRADE JONES: Commander and Mr. President: I feel it a distinguished honor to be considered worthy to reply to the Ladies of the G. A. R. But, I hardly know what to say. A short time ago I was at a Camp Fire tendered by the Ladies of the G. A. R., the Relief Corps, the Sons of Veterans and the Grand Army, and there I was asked to say something to the Ladies of the G. A. R., and when I got through one of the ladies came to me and she said, "Mr. Jones, you have the most mellow voice I have ever listened to." Well, I thought that was a compliment, and the more I thought about it, the more I wanted to find out what she meant by "mellow voice," and when I went home I took the dictionary and I looked up the definition of the word mellow, and it said, "very ripe or rotten." (Laughter.) So, I am a little skeptical about replying to the Ladies of the G. A. R.

My wife is a member of the Ladies of the G. A. R., and she is young, like yourself, and she has allowed me to come here alone to-day, and I allowed her to go somewhere else.

I want to say that no matter how much honor and credit is due to these boys who stood under the old flag when it hung heavy with blood, infinitely more is due to the mothers and wives and sisters who gave their hearts' best love in defense of the old flag. (Applause.)

It is no wonder that these boys were brave. It is no wonder that these boys were the best soldiers that the sun ever shone upon, when the blood of these women courses through their veins. (Applause.)

I am proud to have the privilege of greeting you here today. When the presentation was made, I thought, what a beautiful

emblem to present to the commander of this great department. I know he will cherish that flag as long as he lives. Old Glory means more today to the world than any other flag that floats under the sun. (Applause.)

As our boys met the enemy on the Marne, when it appeared that the German Army soon would reach the coast and Paris, it was Old Glory that stepped to the front on the west bank of the Marne that morning. (Applause.) Although they were driven back across to the east bank, before the morrow's sun mounted to the Alpine peaks they had driven the Germans back across the Marne, snatched victory from defeat and Old Glory became the hope and inspiration of the peoples of the world. (Applause.)

It is the first flag to be borne for the people and not for a monarch or a sovereign. At first, made of coarse materials, crudely woven and contradictory in design, it flourished and thrived until it gave to the world and to the country a new form of government, a new model of citizenship, and in the language of flags, it coined a new word, that of liberty.

Of all the flags of history, this American flag is the greatest, and I know that the Commander will cherish it as long as he lives. (Applause.) I thank you.

Commander Ewell: We will next have the pleasure of listening to the Department President of the Daughters of Veterans. I now introduce to you Azubah R. Perry, Department President.

Department Commander, Daughters of Veterans, Azubah R. Perry: Commander Ewell, Comrades and Friends: It gives me a great deal of pleasure, as well as duty, to come to you today to present the love and the greetings of the New York Department. We are not a large organization, but, Comrades, we are your daughters, and we are growing.

Commander Ewell, we have gained seven hundred in membership this year and we are delighted. The Department Commander said the daughters were your pets. Indeed we were. When our baby arms were entwined around your necks, indeed we were your pets, and we are indeed honored at this time to know that our fathers have not forgotten us. Neither have we, Comrades, forgotten our fathers. Some have gone into the beyond,

but we love them just the same. We love their memories just the same, and this morning, I am glad, Department Commander Ewell, to say to you that we have just this little gift in memory of the daughters of veterans of 1919 and 1920. It is a little bronze emblem of the Dough Boy as he went across into France. We hope you will accept it with all the love that it is given to you, because while it does not represent a great deal in value, it does represent the love of the Daughters of Veterans.

COMMANDER EWELL: We accept this with a great deal of pleasure. The man behind the gun, after all, was the one that won these battles. He bore the burden of the heat of the day. To him and to him is largely due the credit for the greatest result that was obtained, and we will always remember him, the man behind the gun, the soldier, the common soldier, the one that did the real fighting, and nothing that you could give us would be more gratifying and more suggestive of real sentiment than this emblem which you have given us. I thank you.

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT PERRY: Commander Ewell. It gives me great pleasure to introduce our National President of the Daughters of Veterans, Mrs. Clara G. Yengling, of Lakewood, Ohio.

COMMANDER EWELL: We are, indeed, glad to have the National President with us this morning. I now introduce to you Mrs. Clara G. Yengling, National President, Daughters of Veterans.

MRS. CLARA G. YENGLING, National President, Daughters of Veterans: Commander Ewell and Comrades of the State of New York: I am very glad to know that the Daughters of Veterans in New York State are your pets, and I hope while I am here, you will pet me, too. (Laughter and applause.)

You know, there is an old song, "There is nobody like you, Sweetheart," and you know that is the way we feel toward our fathers. There is nobody like our own daddies. (Applause.)

I count it a very great privilege to represent the National Alliance, Daughters of Veterans, daughters of these wonderful war heroes. Our mission is to spread widely the teachings of patriot-

ism so that those who dwell in this broad and great land of ours shall so love and live, that in peace or in war there shall be no stain on the flag our fathers saved. (Applause.)

It is a living thing, this flag of ours. We find in its strikingly beautiful texture there is a history and a story of sacrifice and of devotion, of courage and faith, of men who believed in the divine right of freedom of thought and individual liberty, and these men are our fathers, many of them here in our midst today.

Can you wonder that we are proud of our heritage? It is our birthright, and comrades, I bring to you the loving greetings and best wishes from the Daughters of Veterans all over these vast United States. I extend to you their love and best wishes, and assure you that as we meet with you yearly this way, we pledge you that your memory shall never be forgotten, that we shall be your living monument from now on, generation to generation. I thank you.

Commander Ewell: I will call upon Comrade Tidball to respond to the greetings from the Daughters of Veterans.

Commrade Z. L. Tidball: Commander Ewell.— I am called upon rather unexpectedly to respond to the greetings of the Daughters of Veterans. I hardly know what to say, except that all they have said in regard to the old veterans is responded to by every heart here.

I remember Sister Perry on an occasion when she was made the President of this State organization. She visited the State Home at Bath and there she witnessed an old flag made in 1807, which had been presented to the Home by a comrade in New York. That flag had been neglected in all that long period, and she said, " If you will send that flag to me at Medina, I will reinforce it. In other words, I will so prepare it that it will stand for many years to come." I sent that flag to her and she responded very promptly and we have it today hanging in the library of the Home at Bath, that glorious old flag, one hundred and thirteen or one hundred and fourteen years old. (Applause.)

So that you see, wherever the flag is the hearts of our sisters are there, too. There is more than any man can express in what is said by these women who have so nobly defended our cause

since we have become old men. Away back in the olden days but for them, our armies would have been a failure. It was the love we had for the mother and the sister and the sweetheart, most of whom have now gone to glory, that sustained us in those trying days, and now we come here rejoicing in the fact that so many of our daughters are living and are here to welcome and to receive us and to assure us that so long as they live our memory will not be forgotten when we have passed over there. I thank you.

COMMANDER EWELL.— We will next hear from the Sons of Veterans. I have the pleasure of introducing to you Past Post Commander, E. A. Bolton.

PAST POST COMMANDER E. A. BOLTON: Commander Ewell, my father's comrades: It is, indeed, a great pleasure for me today to extend to you, on behalf of the Sons of the Veterans of the State of New York their greeting and love and their fidelity.

I have often heard my dad recount his experiences in Department Encampments, but little did I think it would ever be my pleasure to bring the greetings from our organization to yours.

Your Commander has spoken and called us your workers. We prove by our works that we are. Wherever there is a Loyal Sons of Veterans' camp, there you will find loyal workers for the Grand Army of the Republic. They are there to make your burdens lighter and to save your steps.

Mr. Commander, we give you our greetings, and I take great pleasure in presenting to you our Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, Harry D. Sisson.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, HARRY D. SISSON: Mr. Commander, Comrades of my father: I am reminded more strongly today than for a long time of those two Confederate veterans who were sitting in the Riggs hotel, in the lobby, in Washington, a few years ago, and watching the Grand Army of the Republic march by in its annual national parade for seven long hours, and then one said to the other. He said. "Comrade, it is the biggest lie in history. We didn't kill all those damned Yanks."

I was, indeed, surprised today to find out that so large a representation still remains to grace the Department of New York, Grand Army of the Republic.

I am a son of a veteran, because I was born that way. I could not help it. I would not, if I could, but I bring to you today the greetings of fifty odd thousand of your sons who would not and cannot forget that the citizenship of 1920 owes to you yet an unpaid debt of gratitude. We would not forget and we connot forget, either, those boys who performed the grand and great event of modern history, when we bridged that broad Atlantic with a living stream of democracy right in and onto the home fields and the home grounds of autocracy, and we beat them at their own game. But, it was the blood, the inspiration and the courage of you men, speaking through two generations, which accomplished that result; and we honor and glory in the fact that we, your sons, have had some hand in passing on the inspiration received from you and that in passing through our veins the loyal blood of our fathers has not been deteriorated.

We would not forget that we have from you a heritage that money cannot buy, and if we could show you the innermost thoughts of our hearts, you would there find an unquenchable desire that the remaining hours of your life's afternoon should be so blest with that degree of satisfaction which we feel and experience as the result of our efforts in making for a loyal citizenship and a better and stronger faith in our country. If you could read in our hearts the real motive animating our desires, you would find there that which would make your life's afternoon a benediction befitting the services that you have rendered, and we promise to put forth all our exertions in making better understood and more appreciated the services of you men, the fathers whom we revere. I thank you.

Commander Ewell.— I will ask Past Commander Pilcher to respond to the greetings of the Sons of Veterans.

Past Commander Pilcher: Commander and Comrades: Nearly a hundred and fifty years ago there was an organization known as the Minute Men. Evidently, the Commander of the

Department of the State of New York believes that there are some survivors of the Minute Men, and hence I am here.

Now, boys, our boys, how proud we are of you. You are welcomed here this morning. What a heritage you have and as we look back upon the years that are gone and think of our sons and the work and the duty of this great Republic that has been shifted from our shoulders to others, and realize how nobly they have done their part, have we not reason to be proud of them?

We remember your work in 1898, and we know our boys at San Juan. We remember 1917, and the Marne and the Belleau Woods and Chauteau Thierry, the Forest of the Argonne and the Hindenberg Line, and our boys were there.

Are we not proud of you, as we look forward to the future and we know what is yet to come, and we know in whose hands Old Glory is to be placed? Our boys. We are proud of you. God bless you.

COMMANDER EWELL: Comrades. I have the very great pleasure of presenting to you the Adjutant-General of the National Organization who is here with us, Joseph W. O'Neall.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL JOSEPH W. O'NEALL: Department Commander, Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic and Members of the Allied Organizations. I am very glad to be here this morning, to look into your faces and to greet you. I am sorry that by reason of sickness that the Commander-in-Chief is confined to his bed at the Onondaga Hotel and will not be present with you this morning. I thank God that I was old enough and strong enough, as you were, and had manhood enough in my body just to go into the Army of the United States and fight for my country and my flag. (Applause.) I thank God, my comrades, that you have been spared for all these years and that you are here today to greet each other and to know each other and to congratulate each other that you have lived for all these years.

I thank you for your kindness in calling upon me and I hope to see you again this afternoon. I thank you. (Applause.)

COMMANDER EWELL: We thank you, ladies and gentlemen, for your presence here at this time and we bid you God speed in your work in the years to come.

This, Comrades, completes the Morning Session, and if there is nothing further, we will take a recess until two o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon Session

Wednesday, *June* 23, 1920, 2 o'clock.

Commander Ewell.— The Encampment will come to order.

I have a notice here which I am requested to give: "Members of the Third Army Corps Union are requested to send their addresses to the President of the Society, Major James H. Everett, at the Onondaga Hotel, or to Kingston, N. Y.

Comrade B. F. Raze.— The Chairman of the Committee on Credentials wishes the announcement made that any Comrade here who has not yet received his badge may report to the Committee, which is in session at the right-hand side of the corridor, where they can register and receive their badges.

Commander Ewell.— Comrades: This is the Fifty-fourth Annual Encampment of the Grand Army, Department of New York, which is met in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, to transact such business as may properly come before it.

The Chaplain will invoke the Divine blessing.

Department Chaplain D. P. Lappeus.— We bow our heads, oh God, as we stand before Thee, and as we come we lift our hearts in prayer. We thank Thee for Thy care and watchfulness over us since our last Encampment. We thank Thee for the privilege we have of gathering together again, and, oh, God, we ask, now, that thou wilt bless us in our gathering to-day. Help us in all things to honor Thee in all that may be said and done in this Encampment, and may we be the means of some good and help, one to another. We pray Thee, oh God, now, that Thou wouldst bless our Commander-in-Chief. We ask that Thou wouldst speedily restore him to health and strength again, and

may Thy Divine blessing rest upon him in his work as he goes forth to Encampment after Encampment. We know that Thou hast been a source of strength to him, and we pray Thee for a speedy recovery.

We ask Thy blessing to rest upon the Encampment gathered here to-day, and upon our Commander. Bless him, Father. Guide him and direct him in all things, and we do thank Thee that Thou hast spared him all these years, and that we have the privilege of being under his command, and we know that he would not order unwisely anyone, but that it is his desire that we should do justice in all things.

We ask that Thou wouldst bless us; that Thou wouldst guide us all, and grant, oh, God, that we may give heed unto Thy word. May we seek and follow Thy word in all our councils and deliberations in these, our declining years, but we pray Thee, above all things, that the sunshine of Heaven may be in the soul of every Comrade and that we all may walk in Wisdom's ways, which are pleasant paths.

Grant us Thy blessing. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

COMMANDER EWELL: I will now declare the Fifty-fourth Annual Encampment open in due form.

I will ask the Senior Vice-Commander to now take the chair.

SENIOR VICE-COMMANDER EDWARD B. LONG: Comrades: The Encampment having been regularly opened, the first order of business will be the report of the Committee on Credentials.

COMRADE MITCHELL: Commander: Your Committee on Credentials reports that there are 503 delegates present, and their names are on the rolls of this Encampment.

SENIOR VICE-COMMANDER EDWARD B. LONG: Comrades: You have heard the report of the Committee on Credentials. If there is no objection, the list will be received, accepted as the roll of the Encampment and printed in the official proceedings of the Encampment.

Department of New York
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

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†REV. D. P. LAPPEUS .....Chaplain
H. T. DUNBAR .....Medical Director

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*Edward Jardine.....Albany
*John Palmer.....Albany
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*Joseph I. Sayles.....Rome
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*N. Martin Curtis.....Ogdensburg
*Harrison Clark.....Albany
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*Joseph P. Cleary.....Rochester
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*Anson S. Wood.....Wolcott
Joseph W. Kay.....Brooklyn
N. P. Pond.....Rochester
†Chas. A. Orr.....Buffalo
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†John S. Koster.....Port Leyden
*Henry N. Burhans.....Syracuse

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† Present.

*James M. Snyder.....Troy
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*Harlan J. Swift.....Cuba
*William H. Daniels....Ogdensburg
*M. J. Cummings.....Brooklyn
†DeWitt C. Hurd.....Utica
George B. Loud.....New York City
†Oscar Smith.....Albany
†Samuel C. Pierce.....Rochester
*James D. Bell.....Brooklyn
†Zan L. Tidball.....Buffalo
*Solomon W. Russell.....Salem
†William F. Kirchner.New York City
†Lewis S. Pilcher.....Brooklyn
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*W. L. Palmer, Binghamton, transferred from Dept. Dakota.

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*JOHN C. ROBINSON.....Commander-in-Chief, 1877–78
*JOHN PALMER.....Commander-in-Chief, 1891
*ALBERT D. SHAW.....Commander-in-Chief, 1899
†JAMES TANNER.....Commander-in-Chief, 1905
*JAMES D. BELL.....Commander-in-Chief, 1919
*JAMES B. McKEAN.....Senior Vice-Com.-in-Chief, 1866–67
*EDWARD JARDINE.....Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, 1874
*JOHN PALMER.....Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, 1879
†ALFRED LYTH.....Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, 1897
*LEWIS E. GRIFFITH.....Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, 1907
*NICHOLAS W. DAY.....Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, 1912
‡JOSEPH HADFIELD.....Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, 1888
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Alternate:
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J. V., Martin Burkhardt.

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S. V., Louis L. Felkir.
J. V., Isaac Brown.

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Alternate:
Isaac Brown.

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J. V., James Robertson.

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Alternate:
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J. V., Philip Fensterer.

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Delegate:
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Alternate:
Wm. Knapp.

Post No. 130 — Warsaw
Com., James E. Bishop.
S. V., Wm. H. Cornell.
J. V., Jacob M. Smith.

Delegate:
Willis W. Marchant.

Alternate:
Merritt W. Norton.

Post No. 134 — Johnson City
†Com., E. B. Williams.
S. V., Gardner Brown.
J. V., Geo. Thrasher.

† Present.

Delegate:
†E. S. Rozell.

Alternate:
C. C. Keyes.

Post No. 135 — New York
Com., John W. Noble.
S. V. Robert Dickey.
J. V., Thomas H. Clayton.

Delegate:
Cornelius Ten Eick.

Alternate:
Wm. H. Van Cott.

Post No. 136 — New York
†Com., Peter Biezel.
S. V., Herman Baron.
J. V., Charles Messing.

Delegate:
†Thomas P. Tuite.

Alternate:
James L. Lyons.

Post No. 138 — Hudson
†Com., Thomas Berridge.
S. V., Joseph Way.
J. V., John J. Plass.

Delegate:
†Charles H. Hover.

Alternate:
William J. Phillip.

Post No. 140 — New York
†Com., James Benson.
†S. V., Charles Everson.
†J. V., Albert L. Dodge.

Delegates:
†George W. Case.
†Francis B. Stedman.
†Edwin A. Whitfield.

Alternates:
Nehemiah Sperry.
John H. Palmer.
James H. Walling.

Post No. 142 — Delhi
Com., John Ferguson.
S. V., Wm. Thompson.
J. V., W. S. Copach.

Delegate:
†Geo. W. Grant.

Post No. 144 — Ossining
†Com., Wm. W. Ryder.
†S. V., Carroll H. Stevens.
J. V., John A. Cowee.

Delegate:
Charles Mitchell.

Alternate:
†Hiram Osborn.

Post No. 145 — Phoenix
†Com., C. F. Barnard.
†S. V., E. A. Crandell.
†J. V., J. W. Parker.

† Present.

Delegate:
†Joseph Tottenham.

Alternate:
A. B. Ross.

Post No. 147 — Glens Falls
Com., George F. Bryant.
S. V., Newton S. McOmber.
J. V., Edward O. Wright.

Delegate:
George H. Skym.

Alternate:
John Yattan.

Post No. 148 — Brooklyn
†Com., John C. Mullins.
†S. V., Alfred Hatfield.
J. V., Jos. Bauer.

Delegate:
M. J. Tompkins.

Alternate:
H. C. Draper.

Post No. 150 — Harpersville
Com., G. E. Hurlburt.
S. V., T. Sherwood.
J. V., J. B. Simonson.

Delegate:
†R. Lovejoy.

Alternate:
T. Sherwood.

† Present.

Post No. 151 — Syracuse
†Com., Henry D. Benjamin.
†S. V., L. D. Richards.
†J. V., Chas. H. Remer.

Delegates:
†H. C. Ransom.
†John J. Clark.
†F. A. M. Ball.

Alternates:
E. C. Fay.
Richard Dunn.
C. E. Underwood.

Post No. 152 — Brooklyn
†Com., William Busch.
S. V., Elmer Chaphe.
J. V., R. H. Brant.

Delegate:
Coleman Cohen.

Alternate:
Simon Nager, Sr.

Post No. 153 — Lyons
Com., Henry Alford.
S. V., Geo. Harrington.
J. V., Phil. Arbegast.

Delegate:
Richard D. Pudney.

Alternate:
David H. Mann.

Post No. 156 — Gouverneur

†Com., George S. Parsons.
S. V., A. V. Hyde.
†J. V., S. W. Payne.

Delegate:
†Wm. H. Hazelton.

Alternate:
Wm. McIntyre.

Post No. 157 — Esperance

Com., John Hunter.
S. V., William Landers.
†J. V., M. J. Tompkins.

Delegate:
M. J. Tompkins.

Alternate:
David Netherway.

Post No. 159 — Fair Haven

†Com., Charles Howland.
†S. V., Alfred Garner.
J. V., Miles B. Dakins.

Delegate:
†F. C. Turner.

Alternate:
Samuel G. Brown.

Post No. 160 — Cazenovia

†Com., Otis Jillson.
†S. V., C. W. Barrett.
J. V., J. H. Jeffery.

Delegate:
J. H. Jeffery.

Alternate:
†Benj. Allen.

Post No. 161 — Brooklyn

Com., Joseph G. Morrell.
S. V., George A. Baldwin.
J. V., David Baisly.

Delegate:
John R. Wofield.

Alternate:
John R. Morrison.

Post No. 162 — Canandaigua

†Com., E. H. Frary.
S. V., William Gidding.
J. V., LeRoy Ingraham.

Delegate:
A. F. Avery.

Alternate:
D. F. McOmber.

Post No. 164 — Skaneateles

†Com., H. H. Loss.
†S. V., Perry Woodford.
J. V., E. D. Gillett.

Delegate:
†J. A. Barber.

Alternate:
Perry Woodford.

Post No. 165 — Elmira

†Com., G. W. Townsend.
†S. V., Henry Perry.
J. V., Henry Newell.

† Present.

Delegate:
Thomas McDermott.

Alternate:
Henry Newell.

Post No. 166 — Weedsport
Com., T. S. Barker.
S. V., E. Van Etten.
J. V., James Harrington.

Delegate:
†T. M. Hunting.

Alternate:
F. D. Barnard.

Post No. 167 — Norwood
Com., H. H. Bailey.
S. V., O. B. Austin.

Post No. 168 — Highland
Com., Edmund Paltridge.
S. V., Henry Eltinge.
J. V., John Sterling.

Delegate:
M. M. Rowe.

Alternate:
Nicholas Plu.

Post No. 169 — Hermon
Com., F. A. Stalbird.
S. V., Tyler Spencer.
J. V., A. P. Thurston.

Delegate:
W. A. Leonard.

Alternate:
Edgar Reed.

Post No. 170 — Mt. Vernon
†Com., Abraham Ninnerly.
S. V., Max W. Korhammer.
J. V., Chas. W. Van Court.

Delegate:
†Henry Lilly.

Alternate:
Herman C. Weiss.

Post No. 173— Clyde
Com., C. H. Bowman.
†S. V., Abram L. Wood.
J. V., E. M. Gridley.

Delegate:
Abram L. Wood.

Alternate:
Ludwig Nicoli.

Post No. 174 — Oneida
†Com., Orange F. Smith.
S. V., Volney Isbell.
J. V., I. C. Waterman.

Delegate:
†Chas. Stebbins.

Alternate:
B. I. Goodenon.

Post No. 175 — Port Byron
†Com., W. H. Root.
†S. V., Frank P. Hicks.
J. V., James Moss.

† Present.

Delegate:
H. B. O'Neil.

Alternate:
†Frank Garrity.

Post No. 177— Sidney
†Com., Charles Wood.
S. V., Charles Herron.
J. V., Milton Burrows.

Delegate:
†F. E. Nevel.

Alternate:
C. P. Tryon.

Post No. 179 — Haverstraw
Com., Alonzo Bedell.
†S. V., James H. Floyd.
J. V., George W. Mott.

Delegate:
†Edward B. Weiant.

Post No. 180 — Lancaster
Com., Jacob Gottschalk.
S. V., Chas. Ameis.
J. V., John Wrustenfeld.

Delegate:
Andrew Keele.

Alternate:
Charles Ameis.

Post No. 182 — New York City
Com., Rev. D. J. McMillan.
S. V., Albert H. Baiseley.
J. V., Wm. H. Wright.

Delegate:
Chas. U. Combes.

Alternate:
James M. LaCoste.

Post No. 183 — Cuba
Com., G. W. Baldwin.
S. V., Henry Clapp.
J. V., N. C. McElheney.

Post No. 184—Deposit
Com., Milton D. Whitaker.
S. V., Daniel Burrows.
J. V., Starr B. Moore.

Delegate:
†C. T. Edie.

Alternate:
Daniel K. Dibble.

Post No. 188 — Dexter
†Com., Charles M. Blair.
S. V., Warren Morehouse.
J. V., Robert Essington.

Delegate:
†Albert L. Morgan.

Alternate:
William E. Hilliker.

Post No. 190 — Dalton
Com., C. S. Lynde.
S. V., Henry Swender.
J. V., Daniel Steih.

Delegate:
Wm. Holmes.

† Present.

Alternate:
B. F. Town.

Post No. 191 — Ellenville
Com., Dwight Divine.
S. V., G. W. Cornelius.
J. V., John T. Evans.

Delegate:
Isaac Jelliff.

Alternate:
Thomas Collins.

Post No. 192 — New York
Com., Henry Fera.
S. V., Chas. Koehler.
J. V., R. B. Morgner.

Delegate:
Jastrow Alexander.

Alternate:
Charles Schlecht.

Post No. 193 — Palmyra
Com., Robert M. Smith.
S. V., Joseph W. Ray.
J. V., Charles Nelson.

Post No. 194 — Canisteo
Com., O. B. Goff.
S. V., L. Rouse.
J. V., J. Steward.

Post No. 195 — Belmont
Com., Wm. Lathram.
S. V., W. E. Crary.
J. V., Wm. Bower.

Delegate:
James Johnson.

Alternate:
Wm. Bower.

Post No. 196 — Oxford
Com., Leonard G. Lindsey.
S. V., L. G. Lindsey.

Delegate:
George Lamb.

Alternate:
L. G. Lindsey.

Post No. 197 — Brooklyn
†Com., Theodore Cocheu.
S. V., James H. Hopper.
J. V., David L. Campau.

Delegates:
Dr. Henry J. Brewer.
William H. French.

Alternates:
†Richard S. Maddren.
George A. Hussey.

Post No. 198 — Altamont
Com., John T. Stafford.
S. V., David Relyea.
J. V., Wm. N. Ketcham.

Delegate:
Newton Ketcham.

† Present.

Alternate:
Peter J. Ogsburg.

Post No. 200 — Lowville
†Com., W. W. Stevens.

Delegate:
†Felix McConwell.

Post No. 201 — King Ferry
Com., S. C. Bradley.
S. V., E. W. Stark.
J. V., E. J. Seyom.

Delegate:
†J. B. Dickinson.

Alternate:
E. W. Stark.

Post No. 202 — Angola
Com., Charles Harper.
S. V., Edward Barry.
J. V., M. L. Clark.

Delegate:
†C. C. Robinson.

Alternate:
Peter Reifel.

Post No. 204 — Rensselaer
†Com., James E. Johnson.
S. V., Theodore Rhodes.
J. V., Charles Thacher.

Delegate:
†David Scott.

Alternate:
Theodore Rhodes.

Post No. 205 — Monticello
†Com., Wm. B. McMillen.
S. V., Alex. D. Buchanan.
J. V., Orin Foster.

Delegate:
Theodore Barber.

Alternate:
S. V., Alex. D. Buchanan.

Post No. 207 — Brooklyn
Com., Theo. Whiting.
S. V., Henry Savage.
J. V., Hamilton Hodges.

Post No. 209 — Walton
†Com., T. B. Clark.

Delegate:
†Albert Smith.

Post No. 210 — Patchogue
Com., Charles Satterley.
S. V., Isaac T. Moore.
J. V., William O. Kaler.

Delegate:
Orin B. Smith.

Alternate:
Charles W. Exerets.

† Present.

Post No. 211 — Fairport
†Com., J. S. Kelsey.
S. V., Ira Brown.
J. V., Fred Sinamos.

Delegate:
Chester Hotchinson.

Alternate:
†Henry Grawbarger.

Post No. 212 — New Paltz
Com., Wm. H. D. Blake.
S. V., Samuel Paltridge.
J. V., George H. Mackey.

Delegate:
Moses G. Young.

Alternate:
Paul Benson.

Post No. 213 — Malone
†Com., R. McC. Miller.
S. V., H. J. Merriam.
J. V., A. C. Hadley.

Delegate:
C. H. Totman.

Alternate:
A. C. Hadley.

Post No. 215 — Saugerties
Com., D. W. Hommel.
S. V., Paul Snyder.
J. V., Lyman Waters.

Post No. 216 — Dansville
Com., Oscar Woodruff.
S. V., L. G. Dunton.
J. V., Ira Allen.

Delegate:
Geo. F. Scott.

Alternate:
J. J. Peck.

Post No. 217 — Sandy Creek
†Com., J. J. Hollis.
S. V., R. A. Soule.
J. V., O. J. Woodard.

Delegate:
W. S. Goodrich.

Alternate:
J. K. Crandall.

Post No. 218 — Arcade
Com., Wm. A. Howard.
S. V., R. J. Tilton.
J. V., A. M. Norton.

Delegate:
W. A. Denison.

Alternate:
Perry Morse.

Post No. 219 — Attica
Com., Elon P. Spink.
S. V., Paul Glor.
J. V., Henry Radder.

† Present.

Delegate:
Paul Glor.

Alternate:
D. S. Spring.

Post No. 222 — Olean

†Com., S. J. Daniels.
S. V., D. S. Yard.
†J. V., Wm. A. Howell.

Delegate:
Amos Harter.

Alternate:
N. I. Jones.

Post No. 223 — Gilbertsville

Com., W. S. Gilbert.
S. V., Wm. E. Stebbens.
J. V., O. W. Briggs.

Delegate:
†T. H. Munson.

Alternate:
S. A. Silvey.

Post No. 226 — Hornell

†Com., Charles D. Emery.
†S. V., T. A. Williams.
†J. V., Charles E. Hackett.

Delegate:
Geo. Dore.

Alternate:
John K. Chapman.

Post No. 227 — Clinton

†Com., William E. Bowen.
S. V., H. H. Miller.
J. V., Benjamin S. Bates.

Delegate:
Benjamin F. Seeley.

Post No. 228 — Ransomville

†Com., Wm. F. Powell.
†S. V., Samuel Traviss.
†J. V., Eugene Slocum.

Delegate:
†William Luff.

Alternate:
A. W. Coulter.

Post No. 232 — Ellicottville

Com., Alexander Bird.
S. V., John Tangham.
J. V., Sam Hoag.

Delegate:
H. E. Ballou.

Alternate:
George Pettitt.

Post No. 233 — Brooklyn

Com., Charles Montgomery.
S. V., Michael Shields.
J. V., Ernst Wagner.

Delegate:
A. H. Shumann.

Alternate:
James R. Wiggins.

† Present.

Post No. 234 — New York
Com., Frank R. Battles.
S. V., E. A. Treadwell.
J. V., Geo. E. Bennett.

Delegate:
Frederick A. Lewis.

Alternate:
Joseph B. Barner.

Post No. 236 — Brockport
†Com., Byron C. Ketcham.
S. V., Christian Miller.
J. V., Edward Stamp.

Delegate:
†Samuel Avery.

Alternate:
Edward Stump.

Post No. 238 — Johnsonburg
Com., J. W. Jones.
S. V., Russ Mann.
J. V., Belus Calkins.

Delegate:
Belus Calkins.

Alternate:
Russ Mann.

Post No. 240 — Cohocton
Com., N. J. Wagner.
S. V., B. F. Waite.
J. V., Welsey Martin.

Delegate:
C. W. Stanton.

Alternate:
E. H. Wetmore.

Post No. 246 — Little Valley
†Com., C. P. Rice.
S. V., M. B. Jones.
J. V., Charles Fields.

Delegate:
†Daniel Gibson.

Alternate:
Charles Fields.

Post No. 247 — Bolivar
Com., J. Dunning.
S. V., C. W. Williams.
J. V., E. Sawyer.

Delegate:
G. A. Parker.

Alternate:
S. P. Dailey.

Post No. 248 — Bath
Com., Wm. H. Farrar.
†S. V., Wm. Murrell.
†J. V., John W. Dysert.

Delegates:
Wm. H. Van Housen.
†Geo. W. Lyon.

† Present.

Alternates:
Thos. R. Knight.
Geo. Pendergast.

Post No. 250 — Ithaca

Com., Frederick E. Bates.
S. V., George B. Davis.
J. V., John McIntosh.

Delegate:
†Bloom LaBarr.

Alternate:
H. H. Benjamin.

Post No. 251 — Red Creek

†Com., D. N. Hunter.
†S. V., Chester Cortright.
†J. V., Henry Wellett.

Delegate:
D. D. Peterson.

Alternate:
O. J. Frost.

Post No. 254 — Buffalo

†Com., Frank M. Fisher.
S. V., Chas. W. Wall.
†J. V., Roderic O'Connor.

Delegate:
†Edwin R. Ells.

Alternate:
Harvey Brown.

Post No. 255 — New York

Com., Peter W. Mulford.
S. V., Hezikiah Bridleman.
J. V., Jerome Brown.

Delegate:
Geo. W. Titus.

Alternate:
James H. Emmons.

Post No. 256 — Richfield Springs

Delegate:
†J. Winnie.

Alternate:
Lewis A. Van Valkenburg.

Post No. 257 — Johnstown

Com., James H. Parks.
S. V., Casper Bronk.
J. V., Jacob Keck.

Delegate:
Jonas Race.

Alternate:
Jeremiah Keck.

Post No. 258 — Barker

Com., William S. Thompson.
S. V., W. P. Hoffman.
J. V., F. L. Bristol.

† Present.

Delegate:
S. E. Armstrong.

Alternate:
L. J. Gross.

Post No. 259 — New York
†Com., Morris Hauff.
S. V., John Kelly.
†J. V., J. L. McDermitt.

Delegate:
†T. H. Ernst.

Alternate:
Alonzo Howell.

Post No. 260 — Groton
†Com., George B. Close.
S. V., Oliver Avery.
J. V., T. B. Tarbell.

Delegate:
Ashbel Landon.

Alternate:
Oliver Avery.

Post No. 262 — Redfield
Com., S. J. Griffith.
S. V., Norman Randall.
J. V., Joseph Bommert.

Delegate:
S. J. Griffith.

Alternate:
Norman Randall.

Post No. 263 — Hunter
Com., F. A. Barber.
S. V., Geo. B. Goodrich.
J. V., George Ruoff.

Delegate:
Jacob Stotz.

Alternate:
E. W. Fisher.

Post No. 264 — New York
Com., John P. Heintz.
S. V., Herrman Lange.
J. V., Chas. I. Martin.

Delegate:
Arnold Dulon.

Alternate:
Alexander Mueller.

Post No. 266 — Middletown
†Com., A. B. Wheeler.
S. V., James Finigan.
J. V., George Patmore.

Delegate:
†Robert R. Cordner.

Alternate:
James Finigan.

Post No. 267 — Granville
†Com., William Cooper.
†S. V., A. Leffingwell.
†J. V., C. G. Waite.

† Present.

Delegate:
LeRoy L. Barnard.

Alternate:
†Seymour Bartholomew.

Post No. 269 — Carthage
Com., Chas. W. Frasure.
S. V., George Christman.
J. V., John Osborne.

Delegate:
George Christman.

Alternate:
J. M. Corwin.

Post No. 270 — Spencerport
Com., Jacob Shaffer.
S. V., Sigmund Stettner.
J. V., Robert Haslip.

Delegate:
George H. Losey.

Alternate:
Sigmund Stettner.

Post No. 271 — Fulton
†Com., John W. Distin.
S. V., Patrick Casey.
J. V., Milo Warner.

Delegate:
†Philip Dietrick.

Alternate:
R. B. McCully.

Post No. 272 — Hamilton
†Com., David Williams.
S. V., L. J. Martin.
J. V., Isaac Marsh.

Delegate:
†Peleg Cranston.

Alternate:
Pat Calahan.

Post No. 274 — Sag Harbor
Com., G. C. Morris.
S. V., A. E. Topping.
J. V.,

Delegate:
Albert E. Topping.

Alternate:
Theodore F. Haines.

Post No. 275 — Webster
†Com., Frank Van Alstyne.
S. V., C. E. Clark.
J. V., G. W. Van Alstyne.

Delegate:
†Sylvester Brewer.

Alternate:
James Essleg.

Post No. 276 — Corning
Com., S. B. Shaddock.
S. V., Charles McCanty.
J. V., F. M. Copp.

Delegate:
†A. P. Hollister.

Alternate:
W. S. Miller.

† Present.

Post No. 278 — Baldwinsville
†Com., Dr. A. C. Taylor.
†S. V., Patrick Hurley.
J. V., Jerry Reels.

Delegate:
†H. M. Stafford.

Alternate:
John Steele.

Post No. 279 — Port Jervis
Com., F. S. Goble.
S. V., Wm. Johnston.
J. V., J. M. Detrick.

Delegate:
John M. Detrick.

Alternate:
F. S. Goble.

Post No. 280 — Downsville
Com., S. E. Hunt.
S. V., Frederic Miller.
J. V., Ralph Weidman.

Delegate:
W. S. Sprague.

Alternate:
Theron Scott.

Post No. 281 — No. Tonawanda
†Com., John P. Christgau.
†S. V., Christ. Fischer.
J. V., M. L. Brummer.

Delegate:
†A. P. Austin.

Alternate:
J. W. Howard.

Post No. 282 — Kennedy
Com., Sumner A. Smith.
S. V., Charles Taylor.
J. V., N. C. Cobb.

Delegate:
C. B. Sturdevant.

Alternate:
O. M. Stone.

Post No. 283 — Long Island City
Com., Robert F. Macfarlane.
S. V., Geo. Evans.
J. V., Robert Gaffney.

Delegate:
Joseph M. Zarmon.

Alternate:
Geo. Evans.

Post No. 284 — Malone
Com., L. D. Deming.
S. V., Luke Tebo.
J. V., Joseph Raymond.

Post No. 285 — Jamestown
†Com., Elon E. Kelsey.
S. V., William Callahan.
J. V., Julius M. Shaw.

† Present.

Delegates:
†Samuel J. Woodward.
Brainard T. Harkness.
†Byron A. Sperry.

Alternates:
†Cyrus W. Lord.
Chapin Tiffany.
Ahart S. Rowe.

Post No. 286 — Brooklyn
Com., George W. Howell.
†S. V., Andrew Johnston.
J. V., Wm. H. Collyer.

Delegate:
Alonzo D. Bohr.

Alternate:
John M. McCormick.

Post No. 288 — Pittsford
Com., John B. Bacon.
S. V., Wm. L. Williams.
J. V., Michael Lavin.

Delegate:
A. M. Newton.

Alternate:
Peter Keenan.

Post No. 289 — Broadalbin
Com., J. O. Best.
S. V., Wm. Dingman.
J. V., David Mulligan.

Delegate:
†Lorenzo Ecker.

Alternate:
E. D. James.

Post No. 290 — Corinth
Com., Thomas Peak.
S. V., Ransford Densmore.
J. V., Elijah Eails.

Delegate:
Ransford Densmore.

Alternate:
Jay Van Dusen.

Post No. 292 — Brocton
Com., Alva Mathews.
S. V., D. T. Raub.

Delegate:
A. A. Fay.

Alternate:
D. T. Raub.

Post No. 294 — Hoosick Falls
Com., T. B. Parker.
S. V., L. E. Worden.
J. V., C. E. Babcock.

Post No. 297 — Randolph
Com., Albert G. Dow, Jr.
S. V., L. L. Morton.
J. V., D. M. Graves.

Delegate:
Alson Thurstin.

Alternate:
Lewis Simpson.

† Present.

Post No. 299 — Batavia
Com., W. H. Hunn.
S. V., C. H. Nichols.
J. V., John McPhail.

Delegate:
E. H. Millington.

Alternate:
D. M. Jones.

Post No. 300 — Black River
Com., W. H. Horton.
S. V., Geo. A. Dyer.
J. V., A. S. Gibson.

Delegate:
L. C. Greenleaf.

Alternate:
M. M. Cortwell.

Post No. 301 — Middletown
Com., Francis A. Clark.
S. V., A. J. Hornbeck.
J. V., Chas. B. Wood.

Delegate:
†A. B. Wilbur.

Post No. 306 — Theresa
Com., John Seymour.
S. V., Simon Dayly.
J. V., Levi Seymour.

Delegate:
H. S. Townsend.

Alternate:
Charles Turner.

Post No. 307 — New York
Com., John K. Darragh.
S. V., James Grove.
J. V., Cornelius Curtin.

Delegate:
Robert Heilferty.

Alternate:
Theodore Kelly.

Post No. 309 — Cambridge

Delegate:
John Haslem.

Alternate:
James Leigh.

Post No. 310 — Leon
Com., Orin W. Bump.
S. V., H. B. Holister.
†J. V., H. J. Trumbull.

Delegate:
C. D. Kelley.

Alternate:
Henry Cunningham.

Post No. 311 — Liberty
Com., Joel C. Fisk.
S. V., D. H. Vanwagner.
†J. V., Ira Porter.

Delegate:
†Joseph Rampe.

† Present.

Post No. 313 — New York
†Com., Christopher A. Farrell.
S. V., James O'Connor.
J. V., Patrick J. Stack.

Delegate:
Isaac Costa.

Alternate:
Henry Witthack.

Post No. 316 — Luzerne
†Com., E. Geo. Dunklee.
S. V., James H. Olds.
J. V., Elias Ives.

Delegate:
Andrew Aldrich.

Alternate:
James H. Olds.

Post No. 320 — Williamson
Com., H. N. Burr.
S. V., H. P. Benton.
J. V., C. C. Hudson.

Delegate:
C. L. Tessell.

Alternate:
C. C. Hudson.

Post No. 323 — Watertown
Com., C. W. Sloat.
S. V., James Parish.
†J. V., T. T. Ballard.

Delegate:
†E. G. Clark.

Alternate:
S. W. Sargent.

Post No. 324 — Westfield
Com., James Bond.
S. V., Jeremiah Mahle.
J. V.,

Delegate:
†Wm. H. Walker.

Alternate:
Jeremiah Mahle.

Post No. 325 — Ovid
Com., D. F. Frantsye.
S. V., Henry H. Covert.
J. V., P. Hagen.

Delegate:
John W. Swarthout.

Alternate:
Wm. T. Balby.

Post No. 326 — Greenwich
Com., George L. Tucker.
S. V., John Wilson.
J. V., O. D. Beattie.

Post No. 327 — Brooklyn
Com., Charles H. Dix.
†S. V., Charles L. Clark.
†J. V., Andrew J. Onderdonk.

† Present.

Delegates:
†Birt F. Parsons.
†Robert N. Longstreet.
†James McCafferty.
†James Walker.
†Donald A. Manson.

Alternates:
†Miles O'Reilly.
Charles H. Barker.
William E. Barton.
William C. Peckham.
†Heman P. Smith.

Post No. 330 — New York
†Com., Thos. H. Stritch.
S. V., Michael Commerford.
J. V., Geo. A. Stewart.

Delegate:
Geo. A. Stewart.

Alternate:
†John Rotchford.

Post No. 332 — Wellsville
Com., Seth Graves.
S. V., Geo. S. Sisson.
J. V., Daniel Cornwell.

Delegate:
George S. Sisson.

Alternate:
R. A. Campbell.

Post No. 335 — Fort Ann
Com., A. C. Vaughan.
S. V., H. W. Harrington.
J. V., James Cunningham.

Delegate:
James Cunningham.

Post No. 336 — Wellsville
†Com., George H. Blankman.
S. V., Edwin H. Easton.
J. V., George H. Gordon.

Delegate:
Adelbert D. Lewis.

Alternate:
Robert J. Rider.

Post No. 338 — Troy
Com., Geo. M. Lemon.
S. V., Rice C. Bull.
†J. V., A. D. Hobbs.

Delegate:
†P. M. Wales.

Alternate:
Levi H. Gray.

Post No. 341 — Odessa
Com., John L. Halpin.
S. V., Wesley Graves.
J. V., O. O. Gardner.

Delegate:
N. S. Denmark.

Alternate:
Wm. Fitzgerald.

Post No. 346 — Canton
†Com., R. W. Barrows.
S. V., Wm. Heckles.
J. V., Thomas O. Forbs.

† Present.

Delegate:
†Charles Aldows.

Alternate:
Charles Mathews.

Post No. 349 — Hartland
Com., George Humphreys.
S. V., Oatis Hays.
J. V., James Mayne.

Post No. 350 — Union
†Com., P. H. Pierson.
S. V., Walter Riddel.
J. V., Theodore Bayless.

Delegate:
†Justus Briggs.

Alternate:
Theodore Bayless.

Post No. 352 — Saranac
Com., J. H. Brissette.
S. V., Henry Fifield.
J. V., R. Robinson.

Delegate:
F. J. Ayers.

Alternate:
Berney Genthier.

Post No. 354 — Ogdensburg
Com., James C. Birge.
S. V., David H. Lyon.
J. V., William Stewart.

Delegate:
†John E. Robinson.

Alternate:
Michael Power.

Post No. 356 — St. Johnsville
Com., C. W. Scudder.
S. V., J. A. Barker.
J. V., John Coy.

Delegate:
C. W. Lambert.

Alternate:
John Coy.

Post No. 358 — Marcellus
†Com., E. H. Baker.
S. V., Patrick Heenan.
J. V., Isaac Richards.

Delegate:
Patrick Heenan.

Alternate:
Abram Waldron.

Post No. 359 — Gowanda
Com., Lewis W. Henry.
S. V., A. T. Groat.
J. V., Melvin Matthews.

Delegate:
D. P. Phelps.

Alternate:
A. T. Groat.

† Present.

Post No. 362 — Brooklyn
Com., John S. Hayes.
S. V., James E. Morgan.
J. V., David I. White.

Delegate:
John S. Hayes.

Alternate:
Thomas Sullivan.

Post No. 363 — Brushton
†Com., H. P. Steenberge.
S. V., Standish Steenberge.
J. V., J. B. Grenow.

Delegate:
A. B. Allen.

Alternate:
Ed. Smith.

Post No. 365 — Glen Cove
Com., John W. Campbell.
S. V., W. M. Searing.
J. V., Peter Miller.

Delegate:
James Harrold.

Post No. 366 — Plattsburgh
Com., Hon. John H. Moffitt.
S. V., Moses Bourdon.
J. V., Gilbert Seymour.

Delegate:
Moses Bourdon.

Alternate:
John F. Crouch.

Post No. 367 — Mexico
Com., L. H. Barnard.
S. V., W. A. Tillapaugh.
J. V., I. Marks.

Delegate:
†W. E. Widrick.

Alternate:
Wm. Tillapaugh.

Post No. 368 — Jamaica
Com., William H. Beers.
S. V., LeRoy W. Swartwood.
J. V., John H. Hilliker.

Delegate:
Thomas R. Rider.

Alternate:
David Llewellyn.

Post No. 369 — Honeoye Falls
Com., A. H. Hunt.
S. V., Marvin Peck.
J. V., C. S. Chambers.

Delegate:
Edwin Warren.

Alternate:
F. O. Amsden.

Post No. 376 — DeRuyter
†Com., DeWitt Clark.
S. V., James Hunt.
J. V., Geo. Miner.

† Present.

Delegate:
†D. C. Clark.

Alternate:
Eugene Rider.

Post No. 378 — Port Chester

†Com., Wm. Croft.
†S. V., Nicholas Fox.
†J. V., Charles Worden.

Delegate:
†Wm. H. Hyler.
Alternate:
J. B. Young.

Post No. 379 — Jay

Delegate:
†Henry Williams.

Post No. 381 — Adams

†Com., Robert Hoffman.
S. V., Peter Sheldon.
J. V., G. L. Banister.

Delegate:
Anson Miller.

Alternate:
†G. W. Rogers.

Post No. 385 — Port Leyden

†Com., C. M. Thomas.
S. V., Patrick Kechane.
J. V., Joel Redner.

Delegate:
Reuben Kline.

Post No. 386 — South Dayton

Com., Charles Shults.
S. V., D. O. Yates.

Delegate:
Charles Schults.

Alternate:
Charles Eadick.

Post No. 389 — Panama

Com., J. J. Casselman.
S. V., Milo J. Tripp.
J. V., Edward Sauell.

Delegate:
Ambrose Cross.

Alternate:
William Stearns.

Post No. 391 — Rochester

†Com., J. F. Genthner.
†S. V., Dr. F. A. Cargill.
J. V., R. J. Griffith.

Delegate:
†Peter Sheridan.

Alternate:
W. L. Manning.

Post No. 392 — Geneseo

†Com., Geo. S. Williams.
S. V., Richard M. Jones.
J. V., Minard Averille.

Delegate:
James W. Wadsworth, Sr.

† Present.

Alternate:
Gilbert I. Dean.

Post No. 393 — Dunkirk

†Com., Charles Hecox.
S. V., Chas. E. Tell.
J. V., H. M. Potter.

Delegate:
George E. Blackham.

Alternate:
Emmet Beardsley.

Post No. 394 — New York

†Com., Michael B. Wood.
S. V., James J. Kelly.
J. V., John T. Campion.

Delegate:
†David Thom.

Alternate:
Augustus Sharp.

Post No. 397 — Rochester

†Com., Henry Elson.
†S. V., Egbert Delano.
†J. V., R. J. Neafie.

Delegate:
†Geo. A. Lent.

Alternate:
A. J. Stone.

Post No. 399 — Brooklyn

†Com., U. P. Eshleman.
S. V., C. H. Ramsden.
J. V., Henry Jeffries.

Delegate:
†Edward W. Castell.

Alternate:
Henry Staples.

Post No. 403 — Fredonia

Com., L. H. Derby.
S. V., Lucius Jones, Jr.
J. V., Clark Wilcox.

Delegate:
Chas. E. Randall.

Alternate:
Lucius Jones, Jr.

Post No. 404 — Herkimer

†Com., Clinton Beckwith.
†S. V., O. J. Bleeckman.
†J. V., Wm. H. Jones.

Delegate:
†John Q. Adams.

Alternate:
Joseph Shackleton.

Post No. 409 — Rochester

†Com., Thomas W. Wark.
S. V., Martin A. Vickery.
J. V., Matthew Clinton.

Delegate:
Jerome Treman.

Alternate:
†E. H. Cowles.

† Present.

Post No. 410 — Clayton
Com., John B. Bezenah.
S. V., Thomas Collins.
J. V., D. V. Olney.

Delegate:
D. D. Butts.

Alternate:
Merrit Wiley.

Post No. 411 — Mooers
Com., E. J. Steinbarge.
S. V., Chas. Dodds.
J. V., Olivar Lafountain.

Delegate:
E. J. Steinbarge.

Alternate:
Chas. Dodds.

Post No. 413 — Sauquoit
†Com., Wm. E. Kimball.
S. V., Richard Gilloren.
J. V., Henry A. Fisk.

Delegate:
Henry Dwyer.

Alternate:
George N. Bonfoy.

Post No. 417 — Nunda
Com., Milo S. Goldthwaite.
S. V., W. W. Moore.
J. V., George Stockweather.

Delegate:
A. R. Rathbun.

Alternate:
A. B. Davis.

Post No. 418 — Central Square
†Com., Wm. Shrader.
S. V., Lyman Morgan.
J. V., Corren Ladd.

Delegate:
†William Church.

Alternate:
Lyman Morgan.

Post No. 423 — Valois
Com., Emory Johnson.
S. V., Henry Van Wormer.
J. V., G. W. Stone.

Delegate:
George P. Egbert.

Alternate:
G. W. Stone.

Post No. 424 — Alexandria Bay
Com., D. H. Taylor.
S. V., S. Makepeace.
J. V., C. Ahles.

Delegate:
O. H. Perry.

Alternate:
S. Makepeace.

Post No. 425 — Massena
†Com., E. W. Kinney.
S. V., Levi Carbino.
J. V., O. M. Hosmer.

† Present.

Delegate:
M. J. Stearns.

Alternate:
J. A. Shampine.

Post No. 426 — Northport
Com., N. S. Ackerly.
S. V., W. E. Mulford.
J. V., George Gerard.

Delegate:
Chas. L. Smith.

Alternate:
Alfred C. Tillots.

Post No. 427 — Rushford
Com., Byron Van Name.
S. V., A. L. Litchard.
J. V., P. A. Taylor.

Delegate:
W. W. Bush.

Post No. 428 — Alfred
Com., Thos. T. Burdick.
S. V., H. M. Davis.

Delegate:
I. M. Langworthy.

Alternate:
J. F. Langworthy.

Post No. 429 — Stockton
Com., J. D. Wilder.
S. V., T. C. Williams.

Delegate:
E. C. Shepard.

Alternate:
J. D. Crissey.

Post No. 431 — Grahamsville
Com., Chancey D. Hall.
S. V., Harvey A. Everett.
J. V., John C. Donaldson.

Delegate:
†Henry W. Dean.

Alternate:
W. A. Briggs.

Post No. 432 — Clarence
†Com., John Fidinger.
S. V., D. S. Fuller.
J. V., Philip Fisher.

Delegate:
†C. A. Tucker.

Alternate:
John Hausauer.

Post No. 434 — Vermilion
†Com., W. H. Belchamber.
†S. V., V. A. Dubois.
†J. V., W. W. Fish.

Delegate:
†Wilson Huie.

Alternate:
C. Sherman.

† Present.

Post No. 435 — Brooklyn

†Com., William B. Price.
†S. V., Alfred L. Bennit.
J. V., Joseph L. Michel.

Delegates:
†Edwin H. Squires.
†Edward J. Hoffman.

Alternates:
Henry B. Simmons.
Frederick Speckman.

Post No. 436 — New York

Com., Henry Montague.
S. V., Wm. H. Allen.
J. V., August Hoffman.

Delegate:
Robert McQuire.

Alternate:
E. P. Tully.

Post No. 438 — Interlaken

†Com., T. P. Kellogg.
†S. V., John L. Ryno.
†J. V., Lyman B. Welton.

Delegate:
Geo. Hulfman.

Post No. 440 — Hamburg

†Com., C. W. Bourne.
S. V., James H. Ott.
J. V., Joseph A. Taylor.

Delegate:
Henry Michael.

Alternate:
†A. R. Mix.

Post No. 442 — McDonough

Com., H. L. Bentley.
S. V., Harrison Phillips.
J. V., Smith Eddy.

Delegate:
Harrison Phillips.

Alternate:
Charles Mead.

Post No. 445 — Lodi

†Com., Wm. B. Clawson.
S. V., W. Leans.
J. V., A. L. Beach.

Delegate:
J. B. Brown.

Alternate:
O. E. Slaght.

Post No. 448 — Brookfield

Com., Elmer Langworthy.
S. V., S. J. Bennett.
J. V., J. W. Morgan.

Delegate:
N. A. Crandall.

Alternate:
L. D. Morgan.

Post No. 455 — Rochester

†Com., I. H. Chatfield.
†S. V., Hiram Krill.
J. V., G. Bohlman.

† Present.

Delegate:
†Webster Young.

Alternate:
Henry R. Howard.

Post No. 456 — So. Otselic
Com., D. M. Webster.
S. V., Leroy Soule.
J. V., Harvey Stearns.

Delegate:
Cyrus Kinney.

Alternate:
Harvey Stearns.

Post No. 457 — Cicero
†Com., W. B. West.
S. V., W. F. Hamilton.
J. V., John Rocher.

Delegate:
†R. E. Luce.

Alternate:
Dennis Smith.

Post No. 458 — New York
Com., Andrew Boyd.
S. V., Chas. J. Evers.
J. V., Harry P. Niebuhr.

Delegate:
John B. Trainer.

Alternate:
Chas. Troy.

Post No. 459 — Mount Morris
Com., Chas. D. Chilson.
S. V., H. G. Chamberlain.
J. V., John S. Baker.

Delegate:
Charles Harding.

Alternate:
Richard Redmond.

✓ **Post No. 461 — Waverly**
Com., J. W. Emblem.
S. V., J. F. Hoyt.
J. V., G. Gregory.

Post No. 464 — Spencer
Com., William Tucker.
S. V., Albert Southwick.
J. V., J. T. Hyers.

Delegate:
J. M. Alderman.

Post No. 466 — White Plains
†Com., E. B. Long.
S. V., Chas. J. Leviness.
J. V., Thos. Bergen.

Delegate:
†D. W. Bogart.

Alternate:
John Furgeson.

Post No. 467 — Amenia
Com., James Newman.
S. V., Joseph Wooley.
J. V., Lewis Buckley.

† Present.

Delegate:
Bernard Gilroy.

Alternate:
James Newman.

Post No. 470 — Hammondsport

†Com., Hiram Morrison.
S. V., D. Frank Lone.
†J. V., J. A. Austin.

Delegate:
†Levi Barrett.

Alternate:
Robert Beck.

Post No. 471 — Troy

Com., Wm. Rochester.
S. V., Alfred J. Moss.
J. V., James Fagin.

Delegate:
Alfred J. Moss.

Alternate:
Frederick Weaver.

Post No. 478 — Colden

Com., C. H. Ostrander.
S. V., Webster Darbee.

Delegate:
James McRea.

Alternate:
M. H. Schneider.

Post No. 481 — Andover

Com., John Demming.
S. V., C. F. Davis.
J. V., T. U. Boyd.

Delegate:
T. U. Boyd.

Alternate:
U. W. Stratton.

Post No. 482 — Camden

†Com., W. W. Elden.

Post No. 486 — Penn Yan

Com., Frank Danes.
S. V., Chas. W. Morgan.
J. V., Alfred Williams.

Delegate:
Chas. A. Kerney.

Alternate:
John Whitaker.

Post No. 487 — Schaghticoke

†Com., Lewis Hunt.
S. V., John Hines.

Post No. 491 — Fort Edward

Com., George Scott.
S. V., Henry Snyder.
J. V., A. C. Wessinger.

Delegate:
David H. King.

Alternate:
F. B. Vaughn.

† Present.

Post No. 493 — Sherburne
†Com., Richard H. Griffin.
†S. V., Wm. Friar.
J. V., Curtis Coggeshall.

Post No. 494 — Union Springs
†Com., Charles L. Shergur.
S. V., Nathaniel Hoagland.
J. V., Edward Powers.

Delegate:
Martin Myers.

Alternate:
Marcus Pease.

Post No. 495 — Milton
†Com., C. M. Woolsey.
S. V., L. C. Beam.
J. V., H. Scott.

Delegate:
E. R. Martin.

Alternate:
L. C. Beam.

Post No. 496 — Tarrytown
†Com., Arthur Humphreys.
S. V., Bishop Armstrong.
J. V., Cornelius B. Johnson.

Post No. 499 — Brooklyn
†Com., Thomas J. McConekey.
†S. V., Robert Forfar.
†J. V., Silas Brink.

Delegate:
†John J. Marshall.

Alternate:
John McMahon.

Post No. 500 — Brooklyn
†Com., W. H. Davis.
S. V., John A. Williams.

Delegate:
†J. V., James F. O'Hara.

Alternate:
William Knappmann.

Post No. 502 — Angelica
†Com., Lloyd S. Crandall.
†S. V., Alex. Lytle.
†J. V., Chris. Hoffman.

Delegate:
S. D. Travis.

Alternate:
Chester Hopper.

Post No. 504 — St. Regis Falls
Com., A. W. Johnson.
S. V., Chas. Janach.
J. V., Oliver Brabon.

Post No. 505 — Halsey Valley
Com., Francis A. Cooper.
S. V., C. M. Taylor.
J. V., W. H. Goodwin.

Post No. 506 — East Aurora
Com., John B. Buffum.
†S. V., Arthur B. Avery.
J. V., Abram Demon.

† Present.

Delegate:
†Thos. B. Crocker.

Alternate:
Joseph C. Kent.

Post No. 507 — Avoca
Com., M. B. Walker.
S. V., John Himroth.
J. V., A. F. Jones.

Delegate:
C. H. Butts.

Alternate:
J. M. Willis.

Post No. 508 — Franklinville
Com., James Dempsey.
†S. V., Allen Williams.
J. V., Asel Holcomb.

Delegate:
William Ely.

Alternate:
Allen Williams.

Post No. 509 — New Rochelle
Com., Eben Adams.
S. V., W. H. Sanger.
J. V., G. H. Miller.

Delegate:
J. S. Ingales.

Alternate:
W. D. Lecerd.

Post No. 514 — Catskill
†Com., Wm. Caniff.
S. V., John Young.
J. V., John H. King.

Delegate:
A. Sidney Thomas.

Alternate:
†John H. Brandow.

Post No. 516 — New York
†Com., Henry J. Kearney.
S. V., Joachin Hempel.
J. V., Isaac Strauss.

Delegate:
John L. Martin.

Alternate:
Cornelius Stringham.

Post No. 523 — Silver Creek
Com., W. H. Bartlett.
S. V., George Dean.
J. V., Christian Ave.

Delegate:
Ira D. Rowley.

Alternate:
G. W. Smith.

Post No. 524 — Port Richmond
Com., Bernard Mullin.
S. V., John L. Dougherty.
J. V., David McCollough.

Delegate:
Joseph A. Sullivan.

† Present.

Alternate:
John Prosie.

Post No. 525 — Copenhagen
Com., A. C. Bickford.
S. V., James Wilson.
J. V., D. B. Ealy.

Delegate:
C. E. Chamberlain.

Alternate:
Judson C. Hart.

Post No. 526 — Vernon
†Com., Geo. G. Clark.
†S. V., Geo. P. Earl.
J. V., Fred Pepper.

Delegate:
†Fred A. Graves.

Alternate:
Stephen Curtiss.

Post No. 532 — Toronto, Canada
Com., Thomas Hughes.
S. V., J. H. Davidson.
J. V., John Tomlinson.

Delegate:
J. H. Weatherbee.

Alternate:
W. H. Kahrs.

Post No. 533 — Crown Point
Com., Henry I. Raine.
S. V., Samuel West.
J. V., Wm. Cook.

Delegate:
R. C. Whitford.

Alternate:
L. W. Bradford.

Post No. 534 — Brooklyn
†Com., Samuel Irvine.
S. V., Francis J. Raye.
J. V., David Lloyd.

Delegate:
†William H. Cornell.

Alternate:
Robert Curtis.

Post No. 538 — Bay Shore
†Com., William W. Hulse.

Post No. 539 — Chatham
Com., P. H. Garrit.
S. V., D. F. Bink.
J. V., Wm. Watson.

Delegate:
James Lunnen.

Alternate:
Henry Watson.

Post No. 542 — Buffalo
†Com., Gregory J. Langmeyer.
†S. V., Wm. F. Hickey.
J. V., Thomas Pallaster.

Delegate:
†Adam J. Wagner.

† Present.

Alternate:
Garrett Breier.

Post No. 544 — Hempstead
Com., Thomas V. Smith.
S. V., Wm. Seaman.
J. V., Joseph P. Reed.

Delegate:
George Beil.

Alternate:
Joseph P. Reed.

Post No. 546 — Cornwall-on-Hudson

Alternate:
†Fred A. Lamb.

Post No. 549 — Savona
Com., L. F. French.
S. V., J. F. Van Keuren.
J. V., M. R. Westcott.

Delegate:
M. R. Westcott.

Alternate:
John V. Helm.

Post No. 551 — Taberg
Com., Frank Bassett.
S. V., Abram Burgy.
J. V., Albert Barker.

Delegate:
Joseph Chisam.

Alternate:
Chancy Banning.

Post No. 553 — Holland
Com., B. M. Stanton.
S. V., H. Selleck.
J. V., F. M. Smith.

Delegate:
F. M. Smith.

Alternate:
H. Burlingham.

Post No. 557 — New York
†Com., Isidore Isaacs.
S. V., Adolph H. Feeder.
J. V., Thomas J. Quidor.

Delegate:
Wm. V. G. Riblet.

Alternate:
†Wm. P. Skiffington.

Post No. 559 — New York
Com., J. H. Lounsberry.
†S. V., Aug. F. Claussen.
†J. V., George Eagles.

Delegate:
†F. R. Meres.

Alternate:
Washington Katen.

Post No. 560 — Elmhurst
†Com., John McCloskey.
S. V., James Smith.
J. V., John H. Loskan.

Delegate:
†John G. Scheper.

† Present.

Alternate:
James Smith.

Post No. 562 — Chateaugay

†Com., John Meagher.
S. V., John Laclair.
J. V., James N. Smith.

Delegate:
James N. Smith.

Alternate:
John Laclair.

Post No. 565 — Woodhull

Com., J. B. Brown.
S. V., Hiram Tenbroeck.
J. V., Richard Quick.

Delegate:
John McPhee.

Alternate:
Richard Quick.

Post No. 572 — Trumansburg

Com., F. B. Fish.
S. V., Wm. Bell.
J. V., Wm. Bell.

Delegate:
H. C. Burdick.

Alternate:
C. F. Kiff.

Post No. 575 — Warwick

Com., Peter D. Howell.
S. V., W. J. Rounsavell.
J. V., B. S. Smith.

Delegate:
J. L. Springer.

Alternate:
Melvin Green.

Post No. 576 — Smyrna

†Com., George W. Crumb.
S. V., Henry H. Pike.
J. V., F. M. Sanders.

Delegate:
†Josiah Miles.

Alternate:
Andrew Frazier.

Post No. 578 — New York

Com., Thomas H. Robertson.
S. V., Dennis Downey.
J. V., Thomas McGrann.

Delegate:
John Coombs.

Alternate:
Wm. J. Thompson.

Post No. 582 — Bainbridge

Com., Daniel Banner.
S. V., James L. Hyde.
J. V., Chauncy Alger.

† Present.

Delegate:
Thomas Searles.

Alternate:
James L. Hyde.

Post No. 587 — Hudson Falls
Com., Hiram Hyde.
S. V., L. J. Severance.
J. V., A. J. Blake.

Delegate:
James McCarty.

Alternate:
H. N. Rogers.

Post No. 588 — Natural Bridge
Com., Wm. Williamson.
†S. V., Fred A. Simser.
J. V., Luther Wright.

Delegate:
Hiram Clark.

Alternate:
Albert Tyler.

Post No. 589 — Frewsburg
Com., W. H. Sears.
S. V., H. M. Haskins.

Delegate:
W. H. Sears.

Alternate:
P. E. Miller.

Post No. 590 — Yonkers
Com., William Riley.
S. V., A. F. Leviness.
J. V., Abram C. Gould.

Delegate:
Theodore Van Ness.

Alternate:
Abram F. Leviness.

Post No. 597 — Phelps
Com., Daniel Cameron.
†S. V., E. P. Hicks.
J. V., Frank Spray.

Delegate:
†George W. White.

Alternate:
Alonzo Spears.

Post No. 598 — Highland Falls
Com., George A. Harris.

Post No. 600 — New York
Com., James R. Silliman.
S. V., Chas. H. Liscom.
†J. V., Henry G. Fritsch.

Delegate:
†Chauncey Quintard.

Alternate:
Edward Roe.

† Present.

Post No. 603 — Short Tract

†Com., M. E. Walker.
S. V., Eli W. Drury.
J. V., John A. Jones.

Delegate:
†John S. Pitt.

Alternate:
S. B. Luckey.

Post No. 604 — Frankfort

Com., M. K. Ellsworth.
S. V., Adam J. Miller.
J. V., Geo. W. Storms.

Delegate:
†A. G. Getman.

Alternate:
Henry Joubin.

Post No. 607 — New York

Com., William Leggett.
S. V., Oscar H. Riker.
J. V., C. O. Rockwell.

Delegate:
William Leggett.

Alternate:
J. Gill Atkinson.

Post No. 608 — Manlius

Com., M. B. Snook.
S. V., James M. Balshy.
J. V., C. W. Ostrander.

Delegate:
James M. Balshy.

Alternate:
M. J. Flanders.

Post No. 609 — S. W. Oswego

Com., Joseph Hibbard.
S. V., James Prosser.
J. V., Alexander Elder.

Delegate:
Simeon Stevenson.

Alternate:
Johnson Abbot.

Post No. 613 — Apalachin

Com., Charles Baker.
S. V., D. A. Foster.
J. V., Warren Newman.

Delegate:
Jacob Barker.

Alternate:
Uriah Short.

Post No. 617 — Millerton

Com., Ward Van DeBogart.
S. V., Gilbert Hunt.
J. V., Horace Griswold.

Delegate:
Horace Griswold.

Alternate:
Watson Marston.

Post No. 623 — Elmira

†Com., Edwin Morris.
†S. V., L. B. Day.
†J. V., Richard Kennedy.

† Present.

Delegate:
†Albert F. Packard.

Alternate:
George Boyce.

Post No. 624 — Georgetown
Com., John Lines.
S. V., Charles Bliss.

Delegate:
B. Y. Mines.

Post No. 627 — Port Jefferson
†Com., Abram Bentley.
S. V., Albert Walker.
J. V., Wm. E. Brown.

Delegate:
A. Walker.

Alternate:
Wm. E. Brown.

Post No. 628 — Long Island City
†Com., Chas. Schonberg.
S. V., Joseph E. Brown.
J. V., James White.

Delegate:
John W. Leek.

Alternate:
Richard Holden.

Post No. 630 — Waterford
†Com., Edward Lafay.
†S. V., Nathan Munn.
J. V., Hiram Coons.

Delegate:
†Jerome Ball.

Alternate:
John P. Davidson.

Post No. 632 — Scipio
Com., Francis Flynn.
S. V., J. P. Northway.
J. V., W. C. Tripp.

Delegate:
J. B. Hitchcock.

Alternate:
J. P. Northway.

Post No. 636 — Oceanus
†Com., B. L. Dunbar.

Post No. 640 — North Cohocton
Com., James E. Jones.
S. V., Henry F. Travis.
J. V., H. H. Wightman.

Delegate:
James E. Jones.

Alternate:
Sherman H. Wheaton.

Post No. 642 — Clemons
Com., F. M. Bartholomew.
S. V., Ephran Sheldrick.
J. V., Gardner Harvey.

Delegate:
L. A. Belden.

† Present.

Alternate:
Joseph Petty.

Post No. 644 — Albany
Com., Geo. E. Dutcher.
S. V., Frank E. Cooley.
J. V., Frank Brennan.

Delegate:
†Edwin M. Chamberlain.

Alternate:
Chas. P. Hoag.

Post No. 646 — Owego
†Com., Asa S. Noble.
S. V., D. O. Congdon.
J. V., J. S. Smith.

Delegate:
†Emanuel Decker.

Alternate:
Eli Hutchins.

Post No. 647 — Elbridge
†Com., Alfred E. Stacey.
S. V., Chas. Newell.
J. V., Wm. Welch.

Delegate:
†T. C. Knight.

Alternate:
J. W. Chandler.

Post No. 649 — Prattsburg
Com., R. C. Phillips.
S. V., George Parker.
J. V., E. Drum.

Delegate:
D. A. Hedger.

Alternate:
Myron Smith.

Post No. 654 — Roslyn
Com., Henry B. Hendrickson.
S. V., Wm. H. Wood.

Delegate:
Henry B. Hendrickson.

Alternate:
Jacob Van Wicklen.

Post No. 655 — Otto
Com., Edward Smallman.
J. V., Nicholas Whittmyer.

Delegate:
George H. Wayne.

Alternate:
Nicholas Whittmyer.

Post No. 656 — Riverhead
Com., Albert H. Terry.
S. V., Wm. H. Dayton.
J. V., John Gaviston.

Delegate:
David E. Gaddis.

Alternate:
Wm. H. Dayton.

† Present.

Post No. 659 — Morrisonville
Com., Nicholas Lawliss.
S. V., Cashmere Russell.
J. V., James Redmond.

Delegate:
J. H. Good.

Alternate:
B. N. Curtiss.

Post No. 661 — Pawling
Com., John E. Banks.
S. V., James Pearce.

Delegate:
Perry W. Chapman.

Post No. 664 — Dolgeville
Com., Levi Helmer.
S. V., John Vedder.
J. V., John Vedder.

Delegate:
James Dunning.

Alternate:
John Vedder.

Post No. 667 — Fayetteville
†Com., Duane P. Babcock.
S. V., Ed. F. Hopkins.
†J. V., Wm. Ammerman.

Delegate:
Wm. Madison.

Alternate:
Luther Burney.

Post No. 670 — East Syracuse
†Com., Daniel Stryker.
†S. V., Charles Burlingame.
†J. V., Eugene Cole.

Delegate:
John L. Hall.

Alternate:
†A. R. Walker.

Post No. 671 — Watervliet
Com., George W. Moore.
S. V., George H. Smith.
J. V., David Vaughn.

Delegate:
Michael Ryan.

Alternate:
Benjamin Hodley.

Post No. 672 — Elmira
Com., W. H. Hathaway.
S. V., Eugene Root.
J. V., C. G. Thorp.

Delegate:
John Faucett.

Alternate:
Eugene Root.

† Present.

The next order of business will be the reading of the annual address by the Commander. I will now ask you to listen to the annual address of the Commander.

ADDRESS OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER JOSEPH E. EWELL, IN OPENING THE ENCAMPMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK G. A. R., AT SYRACUSE, JUNE 23, 1920

Comrades:

You have assembled in the Fifty-fourth Annual Department Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, for the purpose of reviewing the past, taking account of the present and making provision for future administrative needs.

We are also expected to express anew our fealty to the flag and all it stands for in government and administration.

The high standards of the past have been fairly maintained in our organization during the year that is now drawing to a close; while peace and good will, kindly regards, unity of purpose and harmony in counsel are believed to be more in evidence in this Department at the present time than during any previous period in its history. But while the spirit of the Grand Army may be at the high-water mark, the decadence which attaches to all things earthly is ever pressing on and notably so during the past year. Our ranks are thinning; the Great Reaper has been busily at work since our last Encampment and taken many of our noblest and best, including four Past Department Commanders and more than a thousand Comrades besides. It is well to pause in our deliberations to give expression to our sorrow and our loving and affectionate regard.

Commander Ewell: We will be favored at this time with a duet by Comrade Fairhead and Miss Myrta Mae Farquhar of Chapin Corps No. 4, Buffalo, N. Y.

(Hymn, "Nearer My God, to Thee" Sung.)

LOSSES AND GAINS

The report of the Assistant Adjutant-General shows the following losses and gains in membership during the past year:

	Members.	Posts.	Members.
Number remaining in good standing Jan. 1, 1919	....	484	10,976

GAIN			
By muster-in	82		
By transfer	167		
By reinstatement	133		
By reinstatement from delinquent reports	56		
			438
			11,414
LOSS			
By death	916		
By honorable discharge	26		
By transfer	62		
By suspension	355		
By delinquent reports	109		
By surrender of charter	207		
Total loss		13	1,675
Number remaining in good standing Jan. 1, 1920		471	9,739

MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day was more generally observed and deeper interest manifested than in previous years, at least in those sections that came under the personal observation of your Commander. It was his object to bring into closer relations the various war veteran organizations in its observance and to carry out a program jointly, neither of the organizations being subsidiary to the other. In this spirit your Commander communicated with the Department Commanders of the United Spanish War Veterans and the American Legion upon the subject and received letters in reply cordially concurring with the views expressed above, which were published in General Order No. 5. In the Buffalo section both the Spanish War Veterans and the American Legion took a prominent part in Memorial Sunday and Memorial Day services and gave the right of the line and the places of honor to the

G. A. R. with the most expressive cordiality. To these organizations we must look largely for the proper observance of Memorial Day after the Grand Army has passed away.

THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS

Our splendid Auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, has maintained its high standard of usefulness during the past year. It is the first in point of time and the largest in numbers of all the affiliated organizations. It now has a state membership of 10,045, and has exhibited a healthful growth of 763 since last report, due largely to the able and patriotic management of Mrs. Mary Shoemaker, Department President.

The Thirty-seventh National Convention of the W. R. Corps adopted a resolution making "Child Welfare" a part of the work of the order. This opens up a vast field outside the Grand Army of the Republic for their activities. And this is well. The Grand Army will soon have passed away, and if the Relief Corps has no work in hand but to cherish a memory, it, too, will soon become a thing of the past.

LADIES OF THE G. A. R.

The ladies of the G. A. R. report a total membership of 2,404, as compared with 2,390 the previous year. Mrs. Anna L. French of Auburn, N. Y., is Department President. Judging from the Orders and literature she has issued, she has done good work and maintained high standards during her administration. The ladies of the G. A. R. are of our own kindred, and as blood is thicker than water, the ties that bind us are correspondingly potential.

DAUGHTERS OF VETERANS

The National Alliance of the Daughters of Veterans was organized May 30, 1885, upon the advice and help of William McKinley, our martyred President. It is composed exclusively of descendants of Civil War Veterans. Its object is "to perpetuate the memories of their fathers, and to keep alive the history of those who participated in that heroic struggle for the maintenance of our free government." The State organization had a

membership of 1,463 December 31, 1919, the same being a gain of 205 during the year. Total money on hand at above date $744.91. The above gain in membership represents a substantial growth and the Orders issued by the Department President, Azubah R. Perry, indicate stirring activities all along the lines.

SONS OF VETERANS

The Sons of Veterans report 136 Camps and 5,715 members March, 1919, as compared with 142 Camps and 6,190 members March, 1918.

No general report has been received as to its activities. It would seem that the report as to camps and membership do not give the best possible promise for the future. But better reports may, and doubless will, come in the hereafter. Many sons of Grand Army veterans are also fathers of World War veterans and a divided interest is thereby developed.

At its Thirty-sixth Annual Encampment, held at Elmira June last, the organization adopted a ringing patriotic resolution calling for law enforcement and urging upon the duly constituted authorities "the immediate necessity of crushing any attempt by any so-called class or party to overthrow and nullify the treasured law of our land and replace the orderly rule of a majority of the people, expressed through constitutional processes by the arbitrary domination of any class or party composed by force, intimidation, riot and murder." The Division Commander, C. H. Heimsoth, issued a stirring patriotic Order along the same lines. Both the resolution and the Order are greatly to be commended. It is the duty of all patriotic organizations to make their presence felt in upholding the government and the fundamental principles upon which it is founded. And at this point your Commander takes occasion to urge upon this Encampment to express itself with emphasis along patriotic lines and specifically point out the evils to be avoided.

DECADENT POSTS

The surrender of post charters and the passing on of posts is in line with the decadence of membership. Many inquiries have come to the Commander as to what should be done in such cases.

The character of these inquiries and the replies given are shown in General Order No. 4, as follows:

"* * * But activities may often be prolonged and suspension delayed if spirit, courage and determination are present in a sufficient degree. A case in point recently presented itself. A commander of a Post in a community of considerable numbers and means, advised the Department Commander that his Post had become reduced to seven members and that they were not able financially or otherwise to keep the Post in running order. Meetings had been abandoned, nothing was being done, and he wished to be informed as to the proper steps to be taken to surrender the Charter. The answer was to try other means before surrender. Among these was to resume meetings and regular activities as far as possible and elect good patriotic citizens Honorary or Associate members. They in turn might organize under a name denoting connection with the Post and become practically an auxiliary organization. They would join with the Post in Camp Fires and other public meetings, and assist in Memorial Day services and other patriotic observances, and also help financially. This plan is being carried out by and in connection with many Posts in this Department, with very satisfactory results. Try it in other Posts. Some of the strongest Posts in the State have a large Associate membership."

An Associate G. A. R. Organization, composed of over fifty leading citizens to start with, was formed during the present month in a large inland county-seat town, in pursuance of recommendation in Order No. 5. Such organizations are authorized by resolution of Forty-fourth National Encampment, 1910.

FARRAGUT MONUMENT

The Fifty-third Annual Encampment of the Department of New York adopted the following resolution:

. . . . . .

"Whereas, The Stone erected at Woodlawn Cemetery by his family displays the sign of decay; therefore, be it

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of New York, in Encampment assembled at Elmira

on the 26th day of June, 1919, recognizing the great name of Farragut, petition the Legislature of his adopted State to appropriate a sum sufficient to erect a suitable memorial to the Hero of New Orleans and Mobile Bay.

"*Resolved*, That the Department Commander be instructed to carry out the intent of this resolution by seeking the co-operation of the New York State Memorial Commission, with a view of causing such statue to be erected at Woodlawn Cemetery."

The Commander has to report that a bill to carry out the intent of the above resolution was prepared and was ready for introduction when it was learned that the widow of Admiral Farragut declined to give assent to the erection of the proposed monument. No further action was taken in the matter.

COMMANDER JOSEPH E. EWELL: Comrades, there is contained herein a report on the Bath Soldiers' Home. It has been printed and distributed. It is quite lengthy, and as to whether or not it is read in full rests with the pleasure and direction of the Encampment.

CORPORAL TANNER: Senior Vice-Commander, I move that we dispense with the reading of that portion of the address headed "The Bath Soldiers' Home."

COMRADE STAFFORD: I second the motion.

SENIOR VICE-COMMANDER LONG: You have heard the motion. Are there any remarks? If not, as many as are in favor of the same signify by saying "aye;" contrary, "no." The motion is carried and the reading of the report, in so far as it relates to The Bath Soldiers' Home, will be dispensed with at this time.

(Reading of annual address of the Department Commander continued.)

THE BATH SOLDIERS' HOME

By reason of the Soldiers' Home at Bath having been recently under severe criticism and investigation by the State authorities, your Commander deems it his duty to make a more extended report upon that institution than has been customary in past years.

The recent State investigation of the Home and the Commissioner's report thereon were limited in their scope and confined entirely to a search for that which was wrong in the institution. The Grand Army of the Republic favors such investigations and all kinds of investigations of the Home for the reason that it is deeply interested in its welfare and more intolerant than even the general public of any abuse in the administration of its affairs.

The investigation which your Commander has conducted is intended to cover all features, and to search out that which is good as well as that which is bad. It is not intended to be antagonistic to the State investigation, but co-operative with it.

The Home was started as a private enterprise, largely through the indefatigable efforts of Past Commander-in-Chief, Comrade James Tanner, who traveled up and down the State raising money with which the first buildings were erected. It was opened for occupation on the 25th day of December, 1878, at which time twenty-five members sat down to the first dinner. The high water mark of attendance was reached in 1907, when the total membership was approximately 2,200, all veterans of the Civil War. Today the population is under 1000, including about 100 Spanish War Veterans, and their numbers are diminishing at the rate of about 100 a year.

Nature has done much for the Home. The broad Cohocton Valley, with its intersecting river, the majestic uplands on either side, and the far-reaching vista of hill and dale forms a picture of exquisite beauty and grandeur. Art has added her quota. The spacious and well-kept grounds, the large central plaza beautified with fine shrubbery and flower plots and winding walks with ample shade which in one corner is so dense as to give a forest effect, encircled by the larger buildings, form a completed picture that could hardly be surpassed. The equipment of the Home leaves little to be desired. They include a large amusement hall where moving pictures and other entertainments are given two or three evenings each week, a fine orchestra and band, an extensive library, two reading-rooms, one in the hospital and one in the library, each supplied with a large assortment of leading and local papers, and two chaplains and church organizations,

thus giving all the advantages afforded by a large town community. The solicitude and care of the Federal and State governments for the Civil War Veterans are nowhere more signally illustrated than in the provisions made for their care, comfort and entertainment in the New York State Soldiers' Home.

The Commander's knowledge of the Home is derived from a residence there as Commandant for a period of over thirteen years, which continued until June 1, 1916, and from a recent inspection. The grounds of the Home are well kept, food provided by the Quartermaster is "ample in quantity and wholesome in quality," as stated in the State report above referred to; clothing is the same as to quantity and is good in quality, and accommodations in the barracks are the best possible in the buildings as constructed, and orderly conditions are everywhere in evidence.

The hospital is in good physical condition; extreme cleanliness is observable in all parts; the atmospheric conditions are the very best — even better than in hospitals of the highest repute elsewhere, and the diet and care given could not be excelled. A casual inspection is sufficient to verify these statements. They are also confirmed by the reports of United States and State inspectors and especially by representatives of the State Board of Charities who make semi-yearly exhaustive inspections, the reports of which may be seen on the files of that Department. Both the Protestant and Catholic Chaplains who visit the hospital and confer confidentially with the patients daily are on record in the testimony in the state report as stating that in their ministration there was practically an absence of complaint in the hospital as to treatment or care.

The almost entire absence of criticism in the State report except as to incompetents in the hospital must be taken as confirmation of the above characterization. Absence of criticism is the highest praise. Applying that rule, the Report in question is a fair vindication of the Home as a whole. Outside the hospital there is practically no criticism. The most serious one is that potatoes were conveyed from the kitchen to the adjoining dining room in deep dishes piled in tiers one above the other and as a

result those in the lower dishes were crushed a few moments before their time. In the hospital practically all criticism relates to the care of the mentally incompetent.

It seems to be overlooked in the State Report that the hospital patients are divided into three distinct classes, first, those who are infirm in some degree but are able to take care of themselves, go to the main dining hall for their meals, and about the hospital spending much of their time in the reading rooms and on the grounds. The second class consists of those who are physically ill to a degree that they cannot go to the general dining-room but take their meals at their bedside. The third class is composed of those mentally ill. These are also usually physically ill in some degree. It is obvious that different rules of procedure are required for each of these classes. This seems to have been overlooked in the State Report. Money and valuables are not taken from the first class upon coming into the hospital, as there is no necessity for so doing. But patients often pass from the first to the third class and the fact may not be discovered for some time; hence it might happen that patients in the third class may have valuables in their possession subject to loss. The Commissioner criticises the manner of paying pension money to incompetents but fails to state how it should be paid. There is only one method under the law and that is the one observed at the Home. The cashier must have the witnessed signature of the pensioner on the pension check; he must have the witnessed receipt of the pensioner and must pay the money to the pensioner, personally or to such person as the pensioner in writing may direct. When the cashier delivers the money personally to a pensioner of the second or third class it at once becomes subject to the rule regarding those classes which is, that it must be taken by the hospital authorities to be held by them for safekeeping. The Surgeon cannot expend the money for the benefit of the patient without the written direction of the patient himself. If that is given, such articles as the petitioner desires may be purchased and conveyed to him. This is the only way the business can be conducted. The alternative is to deny to the incompetents the right and privilege of expending their own money for such articles as they may desire for their own use and benefit. Of course, there is danger of loss to the patient

in such a transaction. The nurse or other official who acts as agent may steal the money; but this is guarded against as far as possible by duplicate accounts kept by the agent and the storekeeper, which are regularly inspected and compared.

The Commissioner suggests in the State report that "all difficulties with reference to the purchase of supplies by incompetents could be obviated by allowing each of the patients credit at the store and having the bills paid once a week by the Cashier. That is precisely the method employed except that the proposed method substitutes the Cashier for the Surgeon, which would in no way lessen the liability of loss. There is practically no danger of a loss. In thirteen years of experience by your Commander in the very midst of this particular business he never heard a claim of loss.

The Commissioner says that "*All* patients entering the hospital should first be taken to the receiving ward in charge of competent and proper officials, who should make a thorough and systematic search under such supervision that it would be practically impossible for any nurse or attendant to surreptitiously make way with any money or valuables taken into the wards with him to be a temptation to any nurse or attendant in charge of such patient."

The above has always been the rule in respect to incompetents but does not and should not apply to competents.

In the Commissioner's report of abuse of patients and injuries to each other, two cases are cited as being most flagrant. One was that of a fight between two incompetents while two attendants stood by without interfering to protect them from each other. The attitude of the attendants is disputed; but assuming it was as alleged, it was simply a case of dereliction on the part of the attendants. This does not reflect upon the Home management unless derelictions are so frequent as to indicate lack of proper regulations or vigilance. Another flagrant case cited is that of the theft of a bank book by an attendant. Blame is attached to the management for allowing the patient to have valuables in his possession. If the facts were as stated there was negligence on the part of subordinate officers and employees of the Home as well as larceny on the part of the attendant.

Only a small number of other cases of dereliction are specifically cited in the State Report and many of them are of a trivial character. As there has been a large deficiency in help during the past few years the wonder is that the hospital administration has been maintained as well as it appears to have been. The State Report says on that point: "There has been two assistant surgeons, but for some time back it has been necessary to get along with one. In this as in many similar institutions, particularly since the war, there has been an inadequate amount of help."

Henry M. Lectrecker, Inspector of the State Board of Charities, testified before the Commissioner regarding hospital help as follows:

"My last Report specifies the dangerous conditions in the service in the hospital. As I remember it, there were only about one attendant to fifty sick men, and it ought to be for fifteen at least. With the number of dementia cases such as you have here you ought to have one for five in that particular ward, where are confined men that are helpless and on the border line of insanity."

But notwithstanding the shortage of help the Commissioner finds little to criticise except that which relates to the care of the incompetents and much of that is shown to be unfounded.

Thus, in respect to the hospital as well as outside conditions the Report of the Commissioner is most eloquent in what it does not say but is fairly implied. What is not criticised must be assumed to be beyond criticism. This includes in the hospital cleanliness, atmospheric purity, perfection of diet, and the best possible care outside the mentally subnormal class. As to that class, it is shown that the criticism of methods and rules is unfounded, and the instances of ill-treatment are surprisingly few, so far as the testimony quoted in the report shows.

In the inspection of the hospital, your Commander met and interviewed many patients who were his old-time acquaintances and friends; all spoke favorably of conditions there, and no complaint was heard. It was also stated that during the recent investigation, they of their own initiative, prepared a commendatory statement regarding the hospital that was signed by practically every competent patient.

The Post fund is money held in trust by the Trustees for the

benefit of the members of the Home to be expended for books, papers and periodicals for the library and for entertainments and luxuries that the State does not provide. The Report criticises the Trustees for diverting some portions of the fund to State uses. The criticism is good. It should not have been done. But there is always a strong temptation and the supervising authorities at Albany have heretofore sanctioned it. It ought not to be continued.

The Commissioner criticises the Trustees for turning the rental of a restaurant and store building on the Home grounds into the Post Fund. The criticism is based upon a misunderstanding of the facts by the Commissioner. He says that the store building is the old canteen building which was constructed by the State. This is a mistake. The store building was constructed for the purpose for which it is now being used and with the Post Fund money. The same is true of the news stand, the rental of which goes to the Post Fund. The supervising authorities at Albany have approved from time to time the receipt of the above rentals for the Post Fund and certainly in equity it should go there.

One of the most serious complaints against the Home when your Commander became connected with it January 1, 1903, was the large amount of unpaid detail work required, much of it being for heavy labor on the farm and in the garden. Every effort was made to have these details reduced, which could only be accomplished by obtaining a larger allowance of civilian labor by the Albany authorities. The result was that much additional civilian labor was allowed from time to time, including seven farm laborers in place of two, and many of the details including most of the heavy ones were discontinued. But there are still far too many and they should be abolished altogether.

The Commander does not think it within his province to enter into the field of personalities in making this report. In his opinion an inspection or investigation by him should relate to what has been done, what is being done and the character of the work performed, but not to the individual. The individual should be judged by his works. The law places upon the trustees the duty of passing upon the qualifications of all officers of the Home except themselves, and upon the Governor the responsibility

of passing upon the Trustees. Your Commander does not wish to relieve either or any of them from their responsibility.

On the whole, the State investigation has done much good. It has brought into a brighter light one side of the Home where light was most needed, and by indirection and suggestion has brought into a clearer view the other side. Perfection can be found nowhere. No administration can be absolutely ideal. There is always room for improvement, and the State investigation doubtless has served a good purpose along these lines, and it is hoped that the investigation which your Commander has made has not been entirely unilluminating.

THE OXFORD WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS HOME

The Woman's Relief Corps Home at Oxford, N. Y., like the Home at Bath, is "beautiful for situation." Located on a high plateau overlooking the beautiful Chenango river and valley, a view is presented extending as far as the eye can reach, with cattle (Holstein) grazing on a thousand hills. In visiting the Home on the second of October last, we were met at the station in the valley below by the genial Superintendent of the institution, Past Department Commander James S. Graham, who took us aboard his automobile, which appeared to be rather a flying machine, for it seemed to shoot up in the air for a mile; but it landed us safely at the gates of the institution over which our host presided.

Within, we found evidences on every hand of women's presence. Neatness, cleanliness, order, ornamentation, tasteful arrangements were everywhere in evidence, while the women members seemed to dominate. The male members were few and far between — numbering twenty-one out of a total of 166, and they seemed very quiet and decorous. The dining room was exquisite in all its appointments, including polished floors, small tables, a profusion of table linen and fine tablewares. The food supply was satisfactory and well served. Among the principal buildings are four cottages and a hospital. The capacity of the Home is 220. The efficient management of Col. Graham leaves nothing to be desired in the way of administration.

The object of the Home is to provide "For the aged dependent veteran and his wife, veterans' mothers, widows and army

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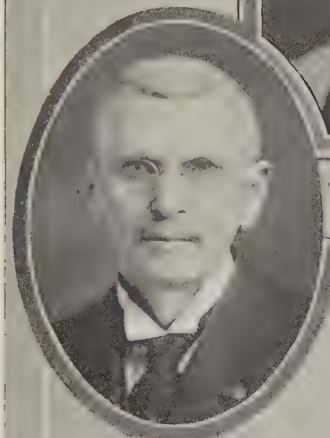

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nurses, residents of New York State." To the Woman's Relief Corps is due the credit of establishing the Home.

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTION

The Grand Army of the Republic being a patriotic organization should give expression to its views regarding important matters of national interest. And such pronouncements should be clear and definite as to details. Glittering generalities count for little except on holiday occasions.

One cause of dissatisfaction at the present time is found in the high cost of living. This is due in part to lack of supply, but the major and fundamental cause is an inflated currency resulting from the over-issue of paper money without the slightest constitutional authority. The framers of the constitution understood very well the evils of an inflated and depreciated currency and guarded against it so far as words could go in the organic law. One of the foremost members of the constitutional convention voiced the prevailing sentiment as follows:

"It impairs all certainty of possession, and taxes none so heavily as the class who earn their scant possessions by daily labor. It injures the husbandman by a twofold diminution of the changing value of his harvest. It is the favorite of those who seek gain without a willingness to toil; it is the deadly foe of industry."

He might also have added that it robs the rich and poor alike, and cuts the wages of labor and the soldiers' pensions in half or more. The only beneficiary is the profiteer. The sole cure is deflation, which should be accomplished as rapidly as conditions will permit.

Another cause of unrest and severe contention at the present time lies in the adjustment of the wage schedule. How and by whom this should be accomplished is the burning question.

The government undertook the task in many industries but with unsatisfactory results. Under government adjustment, violence, disorder and unrest have increased in a tenfold ratio, with every prospect of further development.

It would seem quite obvious, if politics were laid aside, that

the old method, the constitutional way, is the better, and that is, through the free and voluntary agreement of the parties immediately interested. This is the only practicable way under the constitution. The parties in turn are under the domination of the so-called law of supply and demand, which is not only an economic law, but is also the peoples' law developed by them in the ordinary course of business transactions. It is the law of liberty, equality and justice. It gives to all an even chance and special privileges to none. It is the universal stabilizer of prices and the only competent wage price adjuster. If not wrongfully deflected by force, violence, unlawful restraint of trade, or market manipulations, all of which should be under the ban of the statute law, it is an infallible guide. It may give a scant measure of wage as it does in all foreign countries, or it may give a generous measure as it usually does in our own land when it has free course; but if it gives a scant measure the fault is not with the law, but is due to deficiency of demand. This the government has no power to supply; only private individuals can do that and with them it is entirely voluntary. Thus the individual voluntary initiative is the ultimate basis of all industrial activities. But whatever the law of supply and demand gives, whether it be scant or bountiful, it is all the economic conditions warrant or will allow.

If through force, violence or law one party to a wage contract receives more or less than the law of supply and demand would give, the excess is wrongfully taken or the amount of the deficiency is unjustly withheld. In either case a harm is done to society.

Without the law of supply and demand, there can be no competition and without competition there can be no efficiency.

It has been estimated by expert governmental authority that efficiency has deteriorated more than fifty per cent in the past few years, which reduces in a proportionate degree the productive wealth of the nation.

Without the law of supply and demand in observance, the government is a ship without compass, chart or rudder and is due for the rocks if the course is continued. We gaze at the stars and talk about democracy while wandering aimlessly on the

brink of a precipice. We must look at the ground as well as skyward when danger threatens. We must obey the directions of the traffic officer, which is the constitution, or disaster will follow. The directions are plain, clear and specific, a child can read and understand them, and there is no reasonable excuse for their non-observance, except politics.

If the government establishes the wage price a violent and bitter contest regarding it will be carried into every election with the most disturbing, threatening and unsatisfactory results. It seems to be overlooked in discussion and argument that the demand for labor is limited. In other lands the limitation is so acute that there is always a great army of unemployed. Bread lines have also been known in our own country, and they may come again even with the best of management on the part of the government; but they will more surely come, and anarchy as well, if fundamental economic and constitutional laws are ignored and transgressed.

That the law of supply and demand is the better for labor is demonstrated by the fact that in some of the largest industrial establishments operating under the free contract system, the largest wages in the history of this or any other country are now being paid.

The recently enacted railroad law is a step in the right direction in respect to wage adjustment, but a feeble and halting one. It does, and it does not adjust wages. It provides for a commission to investigate and report and there stops. It would better not begin; and yet it is some improvement, in that it does not absolutely establish prices; and it extends some hope that the nation may in time come to itself and that the law of supply and demand may yet come to its own.

Another cause for apprehension is the apparent drift towards class rule. The only difference between our institutions and those of the soviet, is that one is rule of, by and for the people, and the other is rule by a class. On this point a high authority is reported to have said that it is

> "The business of a nation to see that no organization is stronger than itself; to see that no body or group of men,

no matter what their interest is, may come into competition with the authority of society." And it is the business of the Grand Army of the Republic and all good citizens to uphold the government in this regard.

Every unequal law is a step towards the soviet. A law penalizing a restraint of trade which might bring starvation and want to every household, but excepts from its penalizing provisions those who above all others have power to restrain trade, is sovietism in its worst form, and a travesty on free government. If citizens wake up in the morning with a cold chill from fear that gaunt famine under the protection of the law may stalk abroad before nightfall they have only themselves to blame for voting that way.

Every law that takes from one and gives to another without consideration or in defiance of the law of supply and demand, under the guise of minimum wage or what not, no matter how humane or progressive the motive, is poison in the body politic, and in the final result injures all classes including the supposed beneficiaries.

The present conditions are, that what is practically civil war, is raging in all parts of the country, and many good citizens are in doubt as to whether peace is possible. That was the exact situation in 1861. The whole nation was in despair and the President in a message to Congress declared that the Constitution provided no remedy. But a new President, Abraham Lincoln, with a clearer vision than any other, came to the executive office and promptly but patiently and lovingly announced a policy, which although obvious, seemed to have been overlooked by all others, and that was "law enforcement," not of new laws but old laws — old as the Constitution itself and a part of it. It required four years of supreme effort and a relentless war with all its sacrifices to reach the goal of Appomattox; but the goal was reached at last, thanks to two million comrades in that mighty contest and the patriotic sentiment of the country. The present disturbances is a gentle summer breeze compared with the fierce tornado preceding the Civil War. The same remedy is required now as in the earlier contest — law enforcement — not of

new laws only, but the old laws of the Constitution, the law of rightful liberty, equality and protection. It will not require a four-year war to accomplish this result — a mere stroke of the pen from the executive offices and firmness in legislative halls will be all sufficint.

The history of the past forbids pessimism in the present. The nation may hesitate in the presence of new dangers, as it did in '61, but not for long. What it has done, it will do again. Firmly, wisely and with a strong arm it will stamp out disloyalty and un-Americanism, maintain order, uphold the law of rightful liberty and equality, and raise the Flag higher than ever before. Commercial, industrial and social peace cannot fail to follow a strict observance of constitutional methods.

CONCLUSION

In saying the last word to his comrades upon the expiration of his term, your Commander wishes to express anew his high appreciation of the great honor you conferred upon him in his election to the high office, and his gratitude for the loyal support given him by every Comrade without exception. He also wishes to make special mention of the valuable aid and assistance extended to him by every member of his official staff, including that of his able, competent and experienced Assistant Adjutant-General, Past Department Commander Charles A. Orr. Thanks are also extended to the very large number of Comrades who have honored the Commander by accepting positions on his staff as Aides-de-Camp.

The Commander wishes to make special mention of the valuable services rendered to him and the Department by its esteemed Secretary, Miss Bernice Case. Her long experience in the office, her complete knowledge and mastery of its affairs, her high intelligence, her keen perception and her faithful devotion to her duties, cannot be too highly regarded.

The Grand Army of the Republic has been grand in the past, is grand in the present and will be still grander as the years go by. The gaps made by "passing over" cannot be filled, but added glory and honor will come in ever-increasing volume. This is not a farewell address except as to the office of Commander; adding

"Past" to his title does not operate as a discharge; it is only a new bugle call to work; and to that your Commander will respond to the best of his ability.

JOSEPH E. EWELL,
Department Commander.

Senior Vice Commander Long: Commander, your report will be received and referred to the Committee on Commander's report, when appointed.

But, I believe, Comrades, after hearing this report read, that some other consideration ought to attend the reference, and I will entertain a motion to grant a vote of thanks to our Commander for work well done.

(Moved and seconded that a vote of thanks be given to Commander Ewell for work well done. Motion unanimously carried.)

Commander Ewell: I thank you for your expression of appreciation.

(The action on the report of the Committee on Credentials took place at this point, and was as follows:

Comrade Mitchell: Commander: Your Committee on Credentials would report that they have examined the credentials and papers submitted to them by the comrades, that there are 503 comrades who are entitled to seats in this encampment, and I move that this report be accepted and that the names on the roll, as checked by your Committee, be considered as the roll of this Encampment.

Comrade Tanner: I second the motion.

Commander Ewell: Comrades: You have heard the motion. Are there any remarks? If not, all in favor say "Aye," contrary "No." The motion is carried and the report is adopted.)

Comrade Long: Commander: I move that all the reports of department officials, when submitted, be submitted to the committees on the various offices without reading — to be submitted to the committees when appointed.

Comrade Orr: I second the motion.

COMMANDER EWELL: Comrades, you have heard the motion. Is there any discussion?

COMRADE TANNER: What is it? We did not hear it.

COMRADE LONG: I move that all reports hereafter be referred to the proper committees when appointed, without reading.

COMRADE WILLIAM MURRELL: Commander: I offer an amendment, that all resolutions be referred, without reading, and not reports. He said, all reports, and I would like to have it, all resolutions.

COMRADE LONG: I will accept the amendment.

COMRADE KIRCHNER: Commander, I do not believe that this matter is understood. The motion that was made by the Senior Vice Commander is that all reports of the department officers be received and referred to the committees when they are appointed.

COMMANDER EWELL: You mean the Commander's report?

COMRADE KIRCHNER: Commander: No, but the other reports which are to be submitted.

I will say, for the information of Comrade Murrell, that resolutions will be referred to the Committee on Resolutions when appointed.

COMRADE MURRELL: Very well. I withdraw the amendment.

COMMANDER EWELL: You have heard the motion. Is there any further discussion? If not, all those in favor of the motion that the reports of Department Officers be referred to the committees, when appointed, without reading, will say "Aye," contrary "No." The motion is carried.

The Assistant Adjutant-General will now announce the various committees.

ACTING ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL B. F. RAZE:

Committee on Resolutions: James Tanner, Chairman; John S. Maxwell, Robert P. Bush, Alfred Lyth, John S. Koster, Daniel H. Cole.

Committee on Commander's Report: William F. Kirchner,

Chairman; Oscar Smith, James S. Graham, Zan L. Tidball, Samuel C. Pierce, Dewitt C. Hurd, Louis S. Pilcher.

Committee on Senior Vice-Commander's Report: Austin H. Stafford, Chairman; Frank Johnson, E. A. Dubey, James Campbell, Robert Simpson, Jr., M. D., Clark H. Norton, Frank Z. Jones.

Committee on Junior Vice-Commander's Report: Isidore Isaacs, Chairman; George W. Flynn, Thomas J. McConekey, A. A. Lord, I. H. Chatfield, James A. Allis.

Committee on Assistant Adjutant and Assistant Quartermaster-General's Report: George H. Lester, Chairman; N. R. Thompson, Philip M. Wales, Charles A. Shaw, Frank M. Fisher, Birt F. Parsons.

Committee on Patriotic Instructor's Report: Rev. D. J. McMillan, Chairman; Peter Sheridan, Thomas J. Kiernan, George S. Parsons, Robert McC. Miller, S. J. Daniels, C. S. Lynde.

Committee on Medical Director's Report: Robert P. Bush, M.D., Chairman; William Taylor, M.D., G. W. Bourne, M.D., John W. Day, M.D., F. A. Gargill, M.D., Henry J. Brewer, M.D.

Committee on Judge Advocate's Report: George H. Blackman, Chairman; E. M. Chamberlain, William Murrell, William W. Ryder, D. W. Burdick.

Committee on Chaplain's Report: Charles L. Shergur, Chairman; Rev. C. A. Smith, Rev. George B. Fairhead, Clinton Beckwith, C. W. Sloat, C. W. Barrows.

Legislative Committee: Oscar Smith, Chairman; Robert P. Bush, M.D., William H. Kilfoile, S. H. Wentworth, L. H. LeVallee, S. H. Hooghkerk, George E. Dutcher.

Special Committees to Visit Associate Societies:

Woman's Relief Corps: James S. Graham, Chairman; Nelson Simmons, C. M. Woolsey, J. G. Burney, Frank Johnson, H. Stewart Warner, John W. Mullens.

Ladies of the G. A. R.: Frank Z. Jones, Chairman; D. C. Hurd, George E. Dewey, C. J. Westcott, Harry E. Murray, John H. Stevens, Thomas E. Hart.

Sons of Veterans: T. A. Budd, Chairman; P. E. Doody,

H. H. Jones, E. M. Chamberlain, John L. Hall, P. H. Garrity, J. K. Prosser.

Daughters of Veterans: Zan L. Tidball, Chairman; Rev. Charles L. Shergur, Dr. J. W. Day, J. H. Everett, Adam Metzger.

Sons of Veterans Auxiliary: Henry L. Swords, Chairman; H. B. Ormsbee, Rozell Seager, Henry D. Benjamin, Leroy Bostwick, Charles D. Emery, W. H. Hunn.

COMMANDER EWELL: The chairmen of the various committees may obtain these reports from the Adjutant-General, and it is desired that all committee reports be ready for submission at the convening of the Encampment tomorrow morning. The chairmen of the committees may announce from the platform at any time where and when their committees will meet.

COMRADE TANNER: Commander, will you please make an announcement, for me, that if any of the Comrades have any resolutions on which they desire the committee of which I am chairman to act upon, that they will present them as soon as possible, so that we may know what we have got to do.

COMMANDER EWELL: Comrades, you have heard the request of Corporal Tanner. If you have any resolutions to submit, please see that they are in his hands as soon as possible so that the Committee on Resolutions may report tomorrow morning.

The next order of business is the presentation of any resolutions or papers which the Resolution Committee should take into consideration.

(Resolutions presented to the Adjutant-General.)

COMMANDER EWELL: Is there anything further before we proceed to the next business?

COMRADE ORR: Commander: I move that a committee of nine members be appointed to make up and submit to the Encampment a list of names for delegates and alternates to the Annual National Encampment and of members of the Council of Administration.

COMRADE KIRCHNER: I second the motion.

Commander Ewell: Comrades: It is regularly moved and seconded that a committee of nine members be appointed to make up and submit to the Encampment a list of names for delegates and alternates to the Annual National Encampment and for members of the Council of Administration. Is there any discussion? If not, all those in favor say "Aye," contrary, "No." The motion is carried.

The Acting Assistant Adjutant-General will announce the membership of the committee to be appointed pursuant to the last motion.

Acting Assistant Adjutant-General Raze: Oscar Smith, Chairman; A. H. Stafford, George W. Flynn, William Kirchner, Thomas J. McConekey, W. H. Kilfoile, S. C. Pierce, Edward Mitchell, Frank Johnson.

Commander Ewell: If there is nothing further to come before the Encampment at this time, nominations of candidates for the various offices to be filled are now in order.

Comrade Kirchner: Comrade, I move that we now go into the nomination of candidates for the various elective offices of this Department; that the nominating addresses be limited to five minutes and the seconding addresses to two minutes.

Comrade Tanner: I second the motion.

Commander Ewell: Comrade, you have heard the motion, that we proceed to the nomination of candidates for the elective offices to be filled; that the nominating speeches be limited to five minutes and the seconding speeches to two minutes. Are you ready for the question? All those in favor say "Aye," opposed, "No." The motion is carried, and nominations are now in order.

Comrade Tanner: Department Commander and Comrades: I rise for the purpose of presenting for your consideration a Comrade who is highly qualified for the position of Commander of the Department of New York for the ensuing year. I shall not detain you to tell you about him. You have heard of his record. It is as good as any of yours. He is a man of capacity, a man of force, a man who has a record in the Civil War that puts him

in the first class of our American citizenship. He is a man who has been successful in the handling of the affairs that come under his control, and he stands A No. 1 now in the community where he has lived his life.

I nominate for Commander the Honorable Alfred E. Stacey of this county.

(Applause.)

COMRADE STAFFORD (Post 285): I take great pleasure, on behalf of the delegates of Chautauqua county, in seconding the nomination of Comrade Stacey for Department Commander.

COMMANDER EWELL: Are there any further nominations?

COMRADE LYTH: Commander, inasmuch as it seems to be the unanimous sentiment here, that Comrade Stacey be our next Commander, I move that nominations for the office of Department Commander be closed.

MR. JONES: I second the motion.

(Motion carried.)

COMRADE TANNER: Commander, I move that the Adjutant-General be instructed to cast one ballot for Comrade Alfred E. Stacey for the office of Department Commander of the State of New York for the ensuing year.

COMRADE STAFFORD: I second the motion.

(Motion carried.)

COMMANDER EWELL: The Adjutant-General reports that he has cast one ballot for Comrade Alfred E. Stacey for Department Commander for the ensuing year. Upon the report of the Adjutant, I declare Comrade Alfred E. Stacey duly elected Department Commander for the ensuing year.

The next order of business is nominations for the office of Senior Vice-Commander.

(Cries for the Commander-elect, Alfred E. Stacey.)

COMMANDER EWELL: I take pleasure in introducing to you your Commander-elect, Comrade Alfred E. Stacey.

COMMANDER-ELECT ALFRED E. STACEY: Commander and Comrades: Any Comrade who would not be proud of being

elected to the office of Commander of this body would not have a streak of gratitude in his breast. It is the grandest body that meets in the United States of America. It is the body that has led the boys to volunteer and to accept their positions when drafted in the past war, by the influence which it has exerted ever since the Civil War; and I thank you, sincerely, for this honor which you have bestowed upon me.

I feel, however, as though my office would amount to nothing during the coming year, unless I have your full and whole-hearted support, because a Commander of an organization such as this has got to have your support, if he is going to administer affairs as you want him to. I want your support in every way, your advice, your work and aid, and I shall expect it, and if anything comes up and you cannot see me, write and tell me what is what and what should be done for the benefit of the organization.

There is something that has come up which, it seems, was inevitable, and that is the transfer of the Encampment from Atlantic City to Indianapolis. I immediately thought, when I heard of it, that means there will be a very small following behind the Commander instead of an immense body of men, which we certainly would have had if we had gone to Atlantic City.

Now, I want your help in this respect. I want you to induce all the boys you can to go to Indianapolis. Let us go there in a body. Do not let us march down the streets of the city of Indianapolis, we, representing the great Empire State of the Union, with nothing but a corporal's guard. We can make a most creditable showing, and I want you to do all in your power to make this possible.

There is another subject that is very dear to my heart, and has been for years, and I know it must be dear to your hearts, and that is this: There is no reason or sense for the State of New York trailing behind other states in the matter of membership in the G. A. R. We have an organization of about 9,739 at present, according to the last report. There is in this State, as near as I can find out from reports from Washington which I received recently, about 25,000 veterans in this State.

Why is it that 15,000 of those veterans are not members of the Grand Army of the Republic? They are receiving the benefit of the existence of this organization in the form of pensions, and every man who joins the Grand Army of the Republic adds so much influence to our Representatives and Senators in Congress when they are seeking the passage of measures for the benefit of the nation's defenders.

Now, I want every member present to take hold of this proposition. I want your full support. If you do this, when the 1st day of January comes, 1921, the New York State Department will be away in the lead and not trailing behind, as it is today, two or three other states. It will not take very many members to put it in the forefront.

Of course, some say, why, we have got all the veterans in, all we can get in. Now, I tell you, there are 15,000 that are not now on the membership list. So, that story does not go with me. I attended an installation not very long ago and I brought up the subject. Within two weeks one of the Comrades who was there said: "We have got two new members in our Post." You have only got to get two members, an average of two members, for each Post in the State of New York to place the State of New York where we all want it, in the lead, not trailing. The difference is so insignificant, only a hundred or two hundred members, between the State of New York and two or three other states.

Now, will you support me in that move?

(Chorus: Yes.) (Applause.)

I thank you very much. Permit me to close by saying that I am grateful to you for the honor bestowed in being elected Department Commander and that I fully appreciate the responsibility which goes with the trust and confidence which you repose in me, and I assure you that with your advice and aid, that I will do all in my power to promote the interests of the Department of the State of New York and its members.

(Applause.)

COMMANDER EWELL: The next order of business, nominations for the office of Senior Vice-Commander for the ensuing year.

COMRADE ROBERT P. BUSH: Commander and Comrades: I have a candidate for the office of Senior Vice-Commander of this Department. I nominated him last year, when we found out what his abilities were as a result of his preparation for and the conduct of the Encampment at Elmira which, through an unfortunate combination of circumstances, was not as successful as we had hoped. I nominated Henry L. Keene for Junior Vice-Commander and he received a very liberal support under the circumstances.

I now rise to nominate him for the office of Senior Vice-Commander. (Applause.) The only objection that we can have to Comrade Keene is his youth and his youthful appearance. They take him for a son of a veteran. I am willing to admit that he sneaked into the Army against his father's wishes just a little under 16 years of age. But, he served two years and five months in the Sixteenth New York Cavalry and his record is a praiseworthy one.

I will not burden you with a history of his life, any more than to say that there is no man in this Encampment who shows more interest in Grand Army affairs than does Comrade Keene. If there is a funeral, no matter what his business is, he will act as Commander, or Chaplain, or one of the Comrades, or anything else. Chaplain? Yes, he takes the place of Chaplain, and he has a beautiful holy tone when he does; and I place him in nomination for this office, assuring you that there is no position in the Post that he cannot fill offhand. It may be convenient to have an officer in the Department to help you out on funerals. Comrade Keene is one of those fellows; and, as for recruiting the Post, I think he is the only member of Baldwin's Post No. 6, who has brought in new members during the past year. I suppose he wanted to make them delegates to come here and vote for him.

I place in nomination for the office of Senior Vice-Commander, Henry L. Keene, Baldwin Post No. 6, of Elmira.

(Applause.)

COMRADE LYTH: Commander and Comrades: I am pleased to follow Dr. Bush and second the nomination of Henry L. Keene for the office of Senior Vice-Commander for the ensuing year.

When he first joined the Grand Army, he came from the far western section of the State. He is an old member of a Buffalo Post. Therefore, I second his nomination, knowing that all Dr. Bush has said in his favor is true and that he will prove, by his services, a most efficient and satisfactory Senior Vice-Commander of this Department.

COMRADE OSCAR SMITH: Commander and Comrades: I am asked by various members, delegates in this Encampment, to second the nomination of this candidate for Senior Vice-Commander, and one of the reasons why we think that he should be elected, and elected unanimously, is the fact that the Southern tier has been somewhat neglected in the selection of officers in previous Encampments.

COMMANDER EWELL: Are there any further nominations?

COMRADE MITCHELL: I move that the nominations for Senior Vice-Commander be closed and that the Adjutant-General be instructed to cast one ballot for Comrade Henry L. Keene for the office of Senior Vice-Commander for the ensuing year.

COMRADE OSCAR SMITH: I second the motion.
(Motion carried.)

COMMANDER EWELL: The Adjutant-General reports that he has cast one ballot for Comrade Henry L. Keene for the office of Senior Vice-Commander, and I declare Comrade Keene duly elected Senior Vice-Commander for the ensuing year.

Comrade Keene, will you please come to the platform, as I have some information for you?

(Comrade Keene steps to the platform on arrival at the meeting.)

COMMANDER EWELL: I have to advise you, Comrade, that you have been elected unanimously Senior Vice-Commander of this Department, and permit me to inquire of you, do you accept?

COMRADE KEENE: I do.

COMMANDER EWELL: Comrades, I introduce to you your Senior Vice-Commander-Elect, Comrade Henry L. Keene.

Comrade Keene: Commander and Comrades, I thank you for this high honor, which you have conferred upon me, from the bottom of my heart. I have always been proud of my membership in the Grand Army of the Republic, and how much prouder I am now, words fail me in my desire to tell you, and especially in view of the fact that you have elected me unanimously your Senior Vice-Commander.

I promise you the best that is in me, while I hold the office, and anything that I can do to advance the interests of this order I shall certainly do. I thank you.

(Applause.)

Commander Ewell: The next order of business is nominations for the office of Junior Vice Commander during the ensuing year. Nominations are in order.

Comrade Pilcher: Mr. Commander and Comrades: At this moment of wonderful good feeling and unanimity, I have a name to present for your consideration that I am sure will call forth an equally unanimous support.

The name is that of a man who, as a boy, and most of us were boys, enlisted in the Ninth New York Cavalry. He served for two years, until he was mustered out at the close of the war. Since that time he has occupied positions of importance and trust in Kings county, and has become one of our most respected and influential citizens. For twelve years he has been the Commander of one of our largest Posts, Post 499. For five years he has been the chairman of the Memorial and Executive Committee of our county, and he has with wonderful assiduity and tenderness looked after the interests of the wards of the Grand Army throughout that large constituency. Every Memorial Day all the interests of the Grand Army have been tenderly cherished and cared for, and in every important position he has secured and advanced the interests of his Comrades.

It is such a man as that, at such a time as this, it is my great pride and privilege to present to you as a candidate for Junior Vice Commander of this Department — I mean our dearly beloved Comrade, Thomas J. McConekey. (Applause.)

Comrade Dubey: Mr. Commander and Comrades: I take

great pleasure in seconding the nomination of Comrade McConekey. I have known him for years. I am one of the Past Junior Vice Department Commanders today, and I know that Brooklyn has done its share in that line; and I also know that Comrade McConekey, if he is elected Junior Vice Department Commander, will equal, if not overdo, what I did. I was the first chairman of the Memorial Day Committee, and he is chairman now of the Memorial Day Committee, and he has done great work, and I heartily second the nomination of Comrade McConekey.

COMRADE STAFFORD: Commander and Comrades: On behalf of the delegates from Chautauqua county, I desire to second the nomination of Comrade McConekey for Junior Vice Commander of this Department.

But, there must be some mistake about this Ninth Cavalry. I remember at the time the National Encampment was held in Buffalo the Chaplain of our regiment and I were coming down Main street, and we met a comrade who had a large yellow badge on his coat, on which was Ninth New York Cavalry. I said to him: "We have got a man in Jamestown who says he is the only survivor of the Ninth New York Cavalry," and this fellow says, "It's a damn lie; I know where there is more than a hundred."

COMRADE DUBEY.—Mr. Commander: I move, if there are no further nominations, that the nominations for this office be closed, and that the Assistant Adjutant General be instructed to cast one ballot for Comrade Thomas J. McConekey for the office of Junior Vice Commander for the ensuing year.

COMRADE OSCAR SMITH: I second the motion.

COMMANDER EWELL: Comrades, you have heard the motion, that, if there are no further nominations, the nominations be closed and that the Assistant Adjutant General be instructed to cast one ballot for Comrade McConekey for Junior Vice Commander for the ensuing year. All those in favor say "Aye," contrary "No." The motion is carried.

The Assistant Adjutant General reports that he has cast one ballot for Comrade Thomas J. McConekey for the office of Junior

Vice Commander for the ensuing year, and I declare Comrade McConekey duly elected.

Will Comrade McConekey please step to the platform?

Comrades, I introduce to you your Junior Vice Commander-elect.

Junior Vice Commander-elect Thomas J. McConekey: Commander and my Comrades: For many years I have been associated with you, both in State and National Encampments. I have always been ever ready and willing to do something for the elevation and the honoring of my comrades for office, and it seems that this is the reward. On this occasion, it seems to be the desire of our Department Commander-elect that I should accept this honor which you have conferred upon me here today unanimously, the honor of being the Junior Vice Department Commander, for the purpose of rendering him all the assistance that he will require during his administration from our section of the State, down in the Greater City.

Commander and Commander-elect, as I have done in the past, and as long as the Almighty will give me health and strength to work for my comrades, I am at your service.

As the Commander-elect has told you, there are 15,000 men in the State of New York who should be in our organization. As he has stated, it is going to be our purpose this year to place the Department of the State of New York at the top of the list, where it rightfully belongs. Permit me to make that same request. Let me urge upon you that there be no more suspensions. According to the report submitted here today, we find out that throughout the State of New York during the last year there were 355 of our Comrades suspended from the various Posts. Let us now, at our time of life, stop that procedure. There is no man who is eligible to membership in the Grand Army of the Republic today, with all the benefits that the Grand Army has bestowed and all that it can do, but what can afford to keep himself in good standing in any Post in this great State. (Applause.)

Let us try to do that this year, reduce the number of suspensions. Above all things, do not throw your comrades out of your Post because he is delinquent in his dues. We have only got a

few more years to stay here, and let us stand together shoulder to shoulder as we did in the sixties.

Permit me to close by thanking you, from the bottom of my heart, for this great honor which you have conferred upon me. (Applause.)

COMMANDER EWELL: The next order of business is nominations for Chaplain.

COMRADE FAIRHEAD: Mr. Commander and Comrades: I am a member of Ross Post, No. 31, Oneida county, N. Y. It is the first Post organized in the county, six months ahead of anyone else, and we count ourselves well in. We have only twenty-three members, and we are going to keep on going until 1921.

I have been asked to nominate a comrade that I know well for the office of Chaplain of the Department of New York. He is a member of Post 413, at Sauquoit, in Oneida county, and Oneida county had the first victory for Old Glory which was ever had, and all the victories since then have been somewhat in that classification, that Oneida county was the top county in the State, and so I have the pleasure, from the top county in the State, to nominate a top man for Chaplain. He is now pastor of the Presbyterian church at Sauquoit. I am a Methodist, but I am thoroughly in harmony with him, and I think as the tide of harmony has swelled here today, that you will surge forward and elect him unanimously. I nominate Comrade William E. Kimball, of Sauquoit, Post No. 413, Oneida county, for the office of Chaplain of the Department of New York for the ensuing year.

COMRADE C. W. SLOAT, Post 323: Commander and Comrades: I am from Watertown, New York. Comrade William E. Kimball used to be our Chaplain in Watertown, Post No. 381. Knowing him as I do, and as the Commander of that Post, I take great pleasure in seconding his nomination.

COMRADE FRANK Z. JONES: Commander and Comrades: I want to second the nomination of Comrade Kimball, and I want to say to you, Comrades, right here and now, that when you are standing far down along the Dark River and you need somebody to pray for you, because you are soon going over, this man is the best prayer in the State of New York.

I move that nominations for Chaplain be closed and that the Assistant Adjutant General be instructed to cast one ballot for Comrade Kimball for that office.

Comrade Tanner: I second the motion.

Comrade Fairhead: Commander and Comrades: I don't like the idea just expressed about the Dark River. One of the most magnificent men I ever knew when he came down to what some sometimes call the Dark River, he said, "I am not in the river. I am floating in the light and living," and I rather like that idea, and our Comrade Kimball knows how to express himself in the light of our triumphant birth.

Commander Ewell: Comrades, it has been regularly moved and seconded that nominations for the office of Chaplain be closed and that the Assistant Adjutant General be instructed to cast one ballot for Comrade William E. Kimball for the office of Chaplain for the ensuing year.

(Motion carried.)

The Assistant Adjutant General reports that he has cast one ballot for Comrade William E. Kimball for Chaplain for the ensuing year, and I declare him duly elected as such.

Will Comrade Kimball please come to the platform?

Comrades, I introduce to you your Chaplain-elect.

Comrade Kimball: Mr. Commander and Comrades: I appreciate the honor more highly than I can express, but above the honor I esteem the opportunity of service. The best thing that I can render I am willing to do, and I shall heartily co-operate with you in everything that will advance the interests of our order in the State, and I trust, with the hearty co-operation of every Comrade in the Department, there will be a wonderful advance this year and that all that has been expressed here in the way of desire will be more than fully realized at our next Department Encampment. I thank you. (Applause.)

Commander Ewell: The next order of business is nominations for Medical Director for the ensuing year. Nominations are in order.

COMRADE SIMPSON: Mr. Commander, I think it would be a great honor to this Department and very fitting to nominate and elect as Medical Director for the ensuing year the Honorable Robert P. Bush.

COMRADE GRAHAM: I second the nomination.

(Regularly moved and seconded that nominations for Medical Director be closed and that the Assistant Adjutant-General be instructed to cast one ballot for Comrade Robert P. Bush for Medical Director for the ensuing year. Motion carried.)

COMMANDER EWELL: The Assistant Adjutant-General reports that he has cast one ballot for Comrade Robert P. Bush for Medical Director for the ensuing year and I declare Comrade Bush duly elected. Comrades, I introduce to you your Medical Director-elect.

COMRADE ROBERT P. BUSH: Mr. Commander and Comrades, I thank you for this renewed and repeated expression of confidence in me. I am not going to make a long speech and tell you what I am going to do for you, but if you get in a dry territory and your physical condition is such as to warrant it, if you will come to me and I can help you out with a prescription I assure you that I will put forth my best effort.

COMMANDER EWELL: A motion is in order that a committee be appointed to select and recommend to the Encampment delegates to the National Encampment and members of the Council of Administration for the ensuing year.

(Regularly moved and seconded that the Commander appoint a committee to be known as Committee on Delegates and Council of Administration, said committee to select and recommend to the Encampment delegates to the National Encampment and members of the Council of Administration for the ensuing year. Motion carried.)

COMMANDER EWELL: Pursuant to the motion just carried, I will ask the Assistant Adjutant-General to announce the membership of the committee.

Acting Assistant Adjutant-General Raze: The Committee on Delegates and Council of Administration is as follows: Oscar Smith, Chairman; A. H. Stafford, George W. Flynn, William Kirchner, Thomas J. McConekey, W. H. Kilfoile, S. C. Pierce, Edward Mitchell, Frank Johnson.

I am also requested to announce that this committee will meet at headquarters, Onondaga Hotel, at 8 o'clock this evening and will report tomorrow morning at the opening of the session.

Comrade T. A. Budd: Mr. Commander, the following Comrades have been appointed members of the committee to convey the greetings of the Grand Army of the Republic to the Sons of Veterans: T. A. Budd, Chairman; P. E. Doody, H. H. Jones, E. M. Chamberlain, John L. Hall, P. H. Garrity, and J. K. Prosser. They are requested to meet at the rear of the hall.

Comrade Tanner: Mr. Commander, there seems to be very little business for the Committee on Resolutions, judging by the number of resolutions which have reached me at this time, and I would like to ask Dr. Bush and the other members of that committee to meet me right here, so that we can hold a meeting and dispose of the resolutions. I wish the Adjutant would call the roll of that committee so that we may know who the members are.

Commander Ewell: The Committee on Resolutions will meet with their chairman, Comrade Tanner, where he stands. The Adjutant will call the roll of the committee.

Acting Assistant Adjutant-General Raze: The Committee on Resolutions: James Tanner, Chairman; John S. Maxwell, Robert P. Bush, Alfred Lyth, John S. Koster, Daniel H. Cole, James R. Silliman.

Comrade Kirchner: Mr. Commander, I would like to request the Committee on the Commander's Address, composed of Past Commanders, immediately after the adjournment of this Encampment, to meet with me here in front of the hall so that we can consult and take such action as may be necessary.

Commander Ewell: Comrades, is there any further business to come before the Encampment at this time?

QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL C. D. R. STOWITS: Mr. Commander and Comrades, I have some remarks to make in reference to the change of the location of the National Encampment from Atlantic City to Indianapolis. Now, it is hoped and urged by the National Officers that the great Department of the State of New York will do its best so far as its representation is concerned at Indianapolis.

We had just reasons, I can assure you, Comrades, for making the change in the place for holding the Encampment, and a situation was developed such that we could not do otherwise and uphold the traditions of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Atlantic City extended a very cordial invitation to the Grand Army of the Republic to meet there in 1920. The Citizens' Committee formulated a plan which was quite satisfactory. A budget was made up and their committee appealed to the State of New Jersey for an appropriation, which was in accordance with the plan which was adopted a year ago.

One year ago the State of New Jersey appropriated $25,000 dollars for the entertainment of the Grand Army of the Republic, but in so doing they omitted to have an order drawn for the money. After we had accepted their invitation for 1920, they went before the Legislature and the Governor and that law was re-enacted, and finally, after a little delay, the Governor of the State signed the bill, but when he signed the bill, through some influence unbeknown to us, it was demanded that a commission be appointed to see about the disbursement of that part of the appropriation amounting to $25,000.

The Governor named seven Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, of which Mr. Comrade Frank O. Cole was made chairman. That committee demanded that they should say how the money should be expended, notwithstanding the sentiments and opinions expressed by the Citizens' Committee of Atlantic City, and they went so far as to say that the large majority of that money should be used, absolutely, for the membership from the State of New Jersey. They objected strenuously — that is, Comrade Cole did — to the carrying out of the terms of the contract that we had in black and white with the Citizens' Committee.

An appeal was made to the Governor. There is no use of going

into the details, because they do not amount to much. But the Governor went into the matter again and Frank O. Cole and his committee. The Citizens' Committee requested the National Officers to come to Atlantic City, and we went down there and had an interview.

They then requested that the National Officers go to Trenton and take the matter up with the Governor. We say, "Under no circumstances. We have a contract with the city itself. We propose that the city, if possible, shall carry that contract out. Further than that, we want you to feel and understand that the Grand Army of the Republic, if they come here, are your guests, and we are not going to the Governor of New Jersey, or anybody else, to beg for a place to go." (Applause.)

Then the matter was again referred to Frank O. Cole, Comrade Frank O. Cole, and his committee. We could get no word from them, but we did get a further word from the Governor, and we asked the Governor — we wired him as to what he would do — and instead of getting a reply from Governor Edwards, we got a reply from his secretary, Foley, stating that the subject-matter would be referred to Frank O. Cole and his committee and the Department of New Jersey would meet and they would take the matter up then and there, and we simply said, "No, not for us." (Applause.)

Then we received a most hearty invitation through Judge McBride to meet at Indianapolis. The invitation was brought down by Judge McBride to Columbus, where we were in session. It was signed by the Governor of the State, the Mayor of the City, the Chamber of Commerce, their Board of Trade, their Hotel Committee, and others interested, and it said: "Never mind whether the State appropriates anything or not, we will see that all the boys are properly taken care of in Indianapolis." (Applause.)

Therefore, by motion, and by unanimous vote of nine members of the Executive Committee, we accepted the invitation and we are going to Indianapolis during the week commencing September 19th.

Now, I appeal to every Comrade in the State of New York to back up your Commander. Go there. We expect to receive the

benefit of the same rate, a cent a mile. Go there, Comrades, and show Frank O. Cole and his Comrades that they cannot run the Grand Army of the Republic. (Applause.)

COMRADE GRAHAM: Commander and Comrades, The committee appointed to carry the greetings of this Encampment to the Woman's Relief Corps is composed of the following named Comrades: James S. Graham, Chairman; Nelson Simmons, C. M. Woolsey, J. G. Burney, Frank Johnson, H. Stewart Warner, John W. Mullens. They are requested to meet here in this hall immediately at the close of this afternoon's session.

COMRADE OSCAR SMITH: Mr. Commander and Comrades, the names of those who have been appointed members of the Committee on Delegates and Council of Administration, headed by myself, are: A. H. Stafford, George W. Flynn, William Kirchner, Thomas J. McConekey, W. H. Kilfoile, S. C. Pierce, Edward Mitchell, Frank Johnson.

This committee will meet at 8 o'clock this evening at the Headquarters Room, Onondaga Hotel. I ask all the Comrades to be there promptly. We have a great deal of work to do before tomorrow morning. We want the Comrades to present names for delegates to the National Encampment, and we request that the name of no person be presented who cannot or will not go, if able, to Indianapolis.

We heartily approve of the action of the National Committee, as reported by the Quartermaster-General, and we do not want to put the names of any members down on the list simply as an advertisement. We want an assurance that every man named as a delegate will go and attend the National Encampment.

COMRADE FRANK Z. JONES: Mr. Commander and Comrades, I would like to announce the names of the Comrades who have been appointed members of the committee to carry the greetings of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of New York, to the ladies of the G. A. R.: Frank Z. Jones, Chairman; D. C. Hurd, George E. Dewey, C. J. Westcott, Harry E. Murray, John H. Stevens, Thomas E. Hart.

Will those Comrades, if they are present, meet me here at the platform, so we can make some arrangements to carry out the purposes for which we have been appointed.

Comrade Graham: Commander, the members of the committee appointed to convey greetings to the Woman's Relief Corps are requested to meet me here on the floor in front of the platform.

Comrade Austin H. Stafford: Mr. Commander, I am requested to notify the Committee on Senior Vice-Commander's Report to meet here immediately after the close of this session. The members of the committee are Frank Johnson, E. A. Dubey, James Campbell, Robert Simpson, Jr., M. D., Clark H. Norton, Frank Z. Jones.

Comrade Z. L. Tidball: Commander and Comrades, I desire the members of the committee appointed to meet the Daughters of Veterans to meet here immediately upon the adjournment of the Encampment. The members of the committee are: Rev. Charles L. Shergur, Dr. J. W. Day, J. H. Everett, Adam Metzger. Kindly meet here in the front of the hall.

Comrade Charles Shaw, National Monument Commission: Commander and Comrades: It is well known that the State of New York voted and appropriated money for a State monument to be erected at Antietam, under the auspices of the New York State Monument Commission. That Commission has sent out to all the Posts a circular and a list of the names of officers commanding regiments in the engagement. That circular was sent out, not for the purpose of selecting members from the Posts, but purely and simply for the purpose of reaching regimental associations. We are limited as to the representation to be sent, and three is the number.

In some Posts we find that the Commanders have already sent in lists of names, which they head themselves, to please their friends, and not a single member of one of the regiments that was there and took part in the engagement to commemorate which the monument is to be erected.

I only desire to say just this word, that all who have regimental associations communicate at once with their officers and submit to us three names of those physically fit and able to come. The difficulty is that hundreds who are not physically fit want to come, but they want to be accompanied by their wives and it is

absolutely impossible for the Commission to do that. Send in the names of those only who are fit and physically able to attend.

I only say this to take from your minds the idea that members of Posts were invited. The circulars were sent through the Posts in order to reach regimental associations.

Some names have been sent in, and I have the names of some here, and those who desire to come, if they will address the New York Monument Commission at the Hall of Records, New York city, the headquarters of the Commission, they will receive attention and proper arrangements will be made.

COMMANDER EWELL: Those Comrades who wish to have their names considered as delegates to the National Encampment to be held at Indianapolis the week commencing September 19th, are requested to hand their names in to Chairman Smith of the Committee on Delegates. Write your names on slips of paper, write them plainly, and hand them to him.

(Names written and submitted to Chairman Smith.)

COMRADE FLYNN: Commander and Comrades: I am requested to announce that the Committee on Junior Vice Commander's Report will meet here on the stage immediately after the adjournment of the session. The committee is as follows: Isidore Isaacs, chairman; George W. Flynn, Thomas J. McConekey, A. A. Lord, L. L. Hanchett, I. H. Chatfield, James A. Allis.

ACTING ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL RAZE: Commander: I am requested to announce that the Committee on Judge Advocate's Report will meet here in the hall following the adjournment.

COMMANDER EWELL: Is there any further business to come before the Encampment at this time?

If not, the Encampment will stand adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Adjournment taken to Thursday morning, June 24, 1920, at 9 o'clock, same place.

MORNING SESSION

Thursday, *June* 24, 1920, 9 o'Clock.

Commander Ewell: Comrades, we will come to order. I now declare the adjourned session of the Fifty-fourth Department Encampment open for the transaction of further business.

The invocation will be offered by the Reverend George B. Fairhead.

Comrade Reverend George B. Fairhead: Almighty Father, we recognize Thy power, majesty, care and mercy in times of peace and in times of war. Grant, we beseech Thee, Thy blessing upon these men, these veterans, whose sturdy heroism and efforts, under Thy help and guiding hand, achieved a victory which has meant so much to civilization, humanity and the furtherance of Thy purpose on earth.

Continue, we beseech Thee, Thy guidance and aid, that this nation may ripen in all the virtues which characterize a people who love righteousness, justice, liberty under the law and union for the perpetuation and perfection of the ideas and ideals of our forefathers.

We pray Thee, our Heavenly Father, that this flag we love and revere may continue to represent and symbolize the honor, fidelity and courage of a great people, and that it may continue to remind us, whatever our tasks, of Thy love and majesty when reflected through the purposes and efforts of a nation dedicated to Thee and Thy honor and glory.

Hasten the day, we pray Thee, when, throughout this land of ours, we shall have in fact as well as in name, that Americanism which has been the foundation, salvation and hope of our country, an Americanism synonymous with "In God we Trust." Amen.

Commander Ewell: The first order of business is the report of the Committee on Resolutions, of which Committee Comrade James Tanner is chairman.

Comrade James Tanner: Commander and Comrades: The Committee on Resolutions, since its appointment, has received a number of resolutions from the Comrades. It has gone carefully over the subject-matter of these resolutions and begs leave to make the following reports and recommendations:

The first resolution on which the committee reports is that presented by Past Junior Vice Department Commander Edward A. Dubey, Past Commander Winchester Post, No. 197, and it reads as follows:

> *Resolved,* That we recommend to the National Encampment of the G. A. R. to be held at Indianapolis, that, owing to the depletion in number of delegates to the National Encampment, all Senior and Junior Department Commanders, past and current, shall be included with Department Commanders as official representatives of their several departments in the National Encampments hereafter.

Presented by Past Junior Vice Department Commander, Edward A. Dubey, Past Commander, Winchester Post 197.

Commander, this resolution has been approved by the committee, and we recommend its adoption by this Encampment.

(Regularly moved and seconded that the Resolution be adopted. Motion carried and the resolution was declared adopted unanimously.)

Commander, the next resolution is by the Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions and it reads as follows:

> WHEREAS, The claim of the Department of New York, that one of its Comrades should be selected for Commander-in-Chief in 1919, was recognized by their Comrades of the Grand Army at Large, and James D. Bell of Brooklyn accordingly was honored by election to that office, but was removed by death after a service of but six weeks, and the honor and responsibility of the office was enjoyed throughout the year by a Comrade from Ohio, who by virtue of his election as Senior Vice Commander succeeded to the vacant Commandership.
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> *Resolved,* That the Department of New York now convey to their Comrades of the other departments their feeling that the claim which was recognized in 1919 still entitles the Department of New York to special consideration and that accordingly in 1921 they will present for election as Commander-in-Chief a Comrade from the State of New York whom they deem eminently qualified for the position.

The committee approves the resolution and recommends its adoption.

Commander Ewell: Comrades, you have heard the report of the committee. What is your pleasure?

(Regularly moved and seconded that the report of the Committee be adopted. Motion carried.)

Chairman Tanner: The next resolution, considered by your committee is by Comrade John J. Marshall, and reads as follows: I will ask the Assistant Adjutant-General to read the resolution.

Commander Ewell: The Assistant Adjutant-General will read the resolution.

Acting Assistant Adjutant-General Raze (reading):

"Whereas, Congress has passed a bill of arbitrary edict, retiring all men when they have reached the age of seventy, regardless of their ability, character, or efficiency, disregarding all obligations to the Civil War Veterans, and disregarding all precedents and all promises made to them.

"*Resolved*, That this Encampment of the G. A. R. of the State of New York, this 24th day of June, 1920, assembled at Syracuse, do most emphatically protest against this drastic measure, and most respectfully request that all of the War Veterans may be retained until they desire to be retired.

"(Signed) JOHN J. MARSHALL."

Chairman Tanner: Now, Commander and Comrades, I do not suppose that it makes much difference to the people down at Washington, what we, up here in New York, resolved upon in that matter, but you can express your sentiments, at least. I do not see that it will do any harm.

Now, the committee has rather laid it over for your consideration. There is criticism of this retirement bill, but there is always a disposition in such a matter as this to take what you can get and go on and get more later, when you are looking for something from the government.

So, I rather think, we recommend the adoption of that pronunciamento.

Commander Ewell: Comrades, you have heard the report

of the committee, that it recommends the adoption of the resolution. What is your pleasure?

(Regularly moved and seconded that the report of the committee be adopted. Motion carried.)

CHAIRMAN TANNER: The next resolution, Mr. Commander, comes from Vanderbilt Post, No. 136, and it is very earnestly advocated by the Patriotic Instructor of that Post, Comrade Thomas P. Tuite, down in New York. I understand the Comrade who fathers this is in the hall. I assured him that I would go as far as I could to guarantee that the Encampment would listen to what he might have to say about it, provided he did not make too long a speech on it and about it, because we want to get out, settle our bills and get our trains. But the purport of the resolution, or resolutions, is to create and maintain veneration, that veneration which should be paid to our National Anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner." It is a little strict, it seems to me, because, as I read it — perhaps it would be better for the Assistant Adjutant-General to read to you, first, the resolution adopted by Vanderbilt Post, and, second, the resolution the adoption of which by this Encampment is urged.

COMMANDER EWELL: The Assistant Adjutant-General will read the resolutions.

ACTING ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL RAZE: The first resolution reads:

> "Resolution to be presented to the Grand Army of the Republic Encampment at Syracuse, N. Y., June 22, 1920:
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> "WHEREAS, This Post, Vanderbilt, No. 136, Department of New York, Grand Army of the Republic, notes with grave concern and patriotic indignation, the mutilation and emasculation of our national song, 'The Star Spangled Banner,' as well as the flagrant public disregard of its spirit and expression, even at patriotic functions, where these immortal words should be an inspiration and a guide, as they were to our fathers, and to us through long and weary marches and bivouacs during the Civil War; we

"*Resolve*, That this Post recognizes 'The Star Spangled Banner,' written by Francis Scott Key, as the national song of our country. We also

"*Resolve*, That we will not hereafter take part or interest in any flag presentation or other function where 'The Star Spangled Banner' should properly be sung unless it and its whole four verses are either sung, read, or declaimed; and our Post Patriotic Instructor is hereby specially charged with carrying out this instruction. And we further

"*Resolve*, That our delegate to our State Encampment, at Syracuse, N. Y., June 22, 1920, is hereby instructed to submit these resolutions to said Encampment and to urge their adoption for action throughout the State of New York. And be it further

"*Resolved*, That we hereby request our State Encampment to take such action as may properly bring these resolutions to the attention of our body for its consideration and proper action thereon."

The second resolution on which action is requested by this Encampment is as follows:

"Resolutions to be presented to the Grand Army of the Republic Encampment at Syracuse, N. Y., June 22, 1920:

"Whereas, The Grand Army of the Republic, Department of New York, assembled in Annual Encampment in Syracuse, N. Y., June 22, 1920, notes with grave concern and patriotic indignation the mutilation and emasculation of our national song, 'The Star Spangled Banner,' as well as the flagrant public disregard of its spirit and expression, even at patriotic functions where these immortal words should be an inspiration and a guide, as they were to our fathers, and to us through long and weary marches and bivouacs during the Civil War; we here

"*Resolve*, That we recognize 'The Star Spangled Banner,' written by Francis Scott Key, as the national song of our country. We further

"*Resolve*, That Posts of this Department may hereafter refuse to take part or interest in any flag presentation or

other functions where 'The Star Spangled Banner' should *properly* be sung unless it and its whole four verses are either sung, read or declaimed; and our Department Patriotic Instructor is hereby instructed to so promulgate this order through the State (or Department). And be it further

"*Resolved*, That ..... is hereby instructed to transmit these resolutions to our National Body with a request for their consideration and action thereon."

CHAIRMAN TANNER: Now, Commander, in relation to that resolution, the thought that came to me, when I read it, was how often we have heard the pastor in church announce the hymn and then say to the congregation, "Please omit the second and fourth verses." It seems to me that with the time pressing it would crowd programmes a little to sing the whole National Anthem through.

However, I presume that the Comrade will give us some information on that subject. The committee makes no report on this resolution. We present it for your consideration, and we ask you to hear from the Comrade who advocates it.

COMMANDER EWELL: Will Comrade Thomas P. Tuite step to the platform and explain the resolution?

COMRADE THOMAS P. TUITE: Commander and Comrades, as the Comrade has well said, we are in a hurry. The time is short. I know that the Encampment is very busy, but I think I ought to have fifteen minutes in which to explain this resolution, and if I had twenty-four hours I could not do the subject justice, because, in my opinion, there is no one thing that interests us so much as the damnable propaganda and the insidious attempts going on and being made in this country for years to destroy, to emasculate and to lower the spirit of "The Star Spangled Banner."

A few years ago a friend of mine reported that his little girl came home from school singing "God Save the King" or "Queen"—I don't know which one it was now. He said the little girl said she learned it in school and that they sang it there that way. At the Camp Fire which is held every Saturday

night the story was told. The matter was taken up. A committee was appointed to wait upon the president of the school board, and, remember, this was after this Comrade, who told the story, had gone to the principal of the school and had been told to mind his own business, and, remember, that his mission was to find out why "The Star Spangled Banner" was not sung and "God Save the King" or "Queen" was. He took it up with the board. The president first laughed at him, as most people will. Nothing in it at all. But he prevailed upon him to go to the school. When he got there he found that all around the room was the American flag and the English flag, interspersed, all around, first one and then the other. He found that a school function was being prepared and that the children were being taught and drilled to walk around and sing "God Save the Queen" and "America," to the same air, of course, as you know, one little girl carrying an American flag and a little boy carrying an American flag, and so on.

Well, the president was 100 per cent American. He was a member of our Post. He said, "Here, this has got to stop." The answer was, "But, Mr. President, we have our programme printed." "Where are they?" he said, and he was shown large piles to be distributed among the children's parents. He said, "Put those in the furnace. Take down those English flags, or you will lose your job." He says, "Madam, you have got a good job here. You come from Canada. We have no fault to find with you, or your services, but this monkey business has got to stop, and if there is anything more like this you will lose your job."

What was the result? The State of New York had, under Superintendent of Public Instruction Skinner, prepared what was known as the "Manual of Patriotism," a book of some 350 or 400 pages. It was a large volume, beautifully gotten up, cost the State thousands and thousands of dollars. Its purpose was to teach the children patriotism, and in that book "The Star Spangled Banner" appears twice, and in each case it was wrong. In one case the third verse was cut out and a line of stars inserted to show that it was done intentionally. In the other place, it was set to music which was unsyncopated. You all know

how that is. In this case they all said it was hard to sing and the words were wrong. So we could not find so much fault with this woman.

One night we appointed a committee. We immediately organized "The Star Spangled Banner Association," went up to Albany and had it incorporated, twelve or thirteen years ago. Comrade Mitchell is an honorary member of that association and has done great work, and he knows and can vouch for anything I can say.

I am not going to try to reason with you. I am going to tell you the facts, and every fact I tell you I vouch for on my honor. Every word I say can be proved.

I went to this free school lecture, and it was on the national songs of the world. Everything was sung but "The Star Spangled Banner," and the woman who was doing the singing and the man who was doing the playing did not sing or play it.

The last song was sung and something was said to the effect that "this is the greatest song that was ever composed." The people said, "How about 'The Star Spangled Banner?'" They said, "Talk about the songs of nations, how about 'The Star Spangled Banner?'" "Oh, well, we never sing that." "Why not?" "It is too hard a song to sing." "Well, we will see about it." There was a number of us fellows there and I said, "Boys, we sang that song in the Civil War. You know and you remember how as we marched along, tired and weary, rain or shine, some fellow would start 'The Star Spangled Banner' and it would roll up and down the line, without any band accompaniment, and we sang it, and we know it," and we knew every word of it, too. We sang it that night and toward the end the pianist and the singers joined in, and I can assure you that it was an occasion never to be forgotten.

My friends, you can go out on that first corner. You can take your pencil and your paper and you can ask the men and the women as they come along what they know about "The Star Spangled Banner." I will bet a ten dollar bill to a ten cent piece that you cannot find five in a hundred who can give an intelligent answer or an explanation as to what it is, what it means, who wrote it, how he wrote it, or why he wrote it. We have been up against this thing so long, really it has got to stop.

The action contemplated by this resolution has got to go ahead. Patriotic men and women come to us and they say, "Can't you take this up with the Grand Army of the Republic?"

Now, we have gone up to Albany to get laws passed, and I want to state to you that at the Saratoga Convention the man who queered us is the one who prevented us from getting a resolution through there to prevent the emasculation of "The Star Spangled Banner" in the text books of our State. That man queered it. I stood up on that floor and talked to the whole floor and I came pretty near getting in jail for it.

Now, you are a party to it. I went and stood and walked on the streets on Memorial Day. We had a big day in the Bronx. It was the Bronx Home Day, and all that day marching, and countermarching, bands going, I did not hear a single note of "The Star Spangled Banner." And so on Memorial Day I watched as a cat would watch a mouse, hoping that some person would break through, but not a single word or note or suggestion of "The Star Spangled Banner" on that day.

How much of it have you had now? Now, I don't want to prolong this. I could take twenty-four hours and still not satisfy myself. Now, what we want is that you, Grand Army men, adopt this resolution. We will then incorporate The Star Spangled Banner Association. We are going to start, on the suggestion of this organization, a Citizens Corps, and one of the conditions of membership in that corps, for men and women, is that they shall know "The Star Spangled Banner," and that they shall know why it was written, how it was written, by whom it was written, and the spirit sent down the line as you have brought it down the line.

You are going away. You preserved it, but it is dying in your hands. You have got to do something out of self-respect for the sake of the patriotic spirit of this nation.

Chairman Tanner: Commander, I move the adoption of the resolution.

Comrade Mitchell: I second the motion.

Commander Ewell: You have heard the motion, Comrades, that the resolution be adopted. The resolution comes before you

without any recommendations from the Committee. Are there any further remarks?

COMRADE THOMAS P. TUITE: I ask for a rising vote, Commander.

COMMANDER EWELL: You have heard the motion. All those in favor of the adoption of the resolution will please rise. Those opposed will please rise. The resolution is unanimously adopted.

COMRADE TUITE: I thank you and God bless you. You have done a better job to-day than you know of.

COMMANDER EWELL: Are there any further resolutions?

COMRADE P. H. DOODY, POST 69: Commander, I have a resolution which I would like to offer and have read.

COMMANDER EWELL: The Assistant Adjutant-General will read the resolution.

ACTING ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL RAZE (reading):

"WHEREAS, It is well known that all assistant superintendents are determined to prevent all postal clerks and carriers from attending the Department Encampments of the Grand Army of the Republic; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Encampment endeavor to counteract all such action by all means in its power."

Presented by P. H. Doody, Post 69, G. A. R., Commander.

COMRADE DOODY: Now, Commander, my reason for presenting this resolution is this: When the Comrades of my Post and other Posts want to meet, we are permitted to do so by the Common Councils, Boards of Aldermen of the cities of the State, and the various other officials who may be in authority, and we are permitted to attend these meetings of the Department Encampments in order to show their increasing interest in spite of their declining years in the affairs of the Grand Army of the Republic. Now, we want to try and prevent these gentlemen from preventing the members of the Grand Army of the Republic employed by the Postal Department and other departments from

attending these meetings. I trust that you will have the manhood to see to it that these members are allowed to attend these meetings. That is the reason for its presentation.

Commander Ewell: Are there any further remarks?

Comrade Doody: I move the adoption of the resolution.

Comrade Marshall: I second the motion.

Commander Ewell: Are there any further remarks?

Comrade Bush: Commander; as I understand this resolution, it refers to the same subject matter contained in the resolution that was passed; that is, that it is superseded by one that Past Commander-in-Chief Tanner presented, and that it refers to our protesting against the action of Congress in retiring Civil War veterans at a certain age.

Well, we should bear in mind that we have to depend on Congress for further favors that we may have to ask of the legislative body of the nation, favors for the G. A. R.

It should also be borne in mind that Navy officers are retired, arbitrarily, at the age of sixty-two; that Army officers are retired, arbitrarily, at the age of sixty-four, if I am correctly informed.

Now, do we want to take the stand that, because a man is a Civil War veteran, he can continue in the Civil Service indefinitely? That is the whole question, and it seems to me we ought to consider carefully whether or not we want to put ourselves in that position. It is a position we do not want to take without due consideration. The Comrade on the floor has given you his views, why we should protest against this arbitrary retirement of Civil War veterans who happen to be in the Civil Service.

Now, don't go off half cocked, and think it over before you vote. Do we want to dictate to Congress what they shall or shall not do?

Acting Assistant Adjutant-General Raze: Comrade Bush: This resolution does not refer to the Retirement Act. It refers to the Postal Department not allowing Civil War Veterans in its service to attend meetings of the G. A. R.

Comrade Bush: I beg your pardon. I misunderstood the resolution. I withdraw my remarks.

COMMANDER EWELL: Are there any further resolutions? If not, we will proceed with the next order of business, which is the receipt of committee reports.

I will ask Senior Vice-Department Commander Long to take the Chair at this time.

SENIOR VICE-DEPARTMENT COMMANDER LONG: The first report is that of the Committee on Department Commander's address.

COMRADE WILLIAM F. KIRCHNER (Chairman of Committee): Senior Vice-Department Commander and Comrades: The Committee on Department Commander's address submits the following report:

To the Encampment of the Department of New York, Grand Army of the Republic:

COMRADES:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the annual address of the Department Commander, have the honor to submit the following report:

They have carefully considered his address and commend it for its brief and comprehensive presentation of the work of the Department Commander during his term of office. The excellent condition of the Department is the most convincing proof of the constant care and able work performed by him, and the good judgment by which he has been guided in the discharge of his official duties.

It is, therefore, recommended that the address of the Department Commander be approved, together with his recommendations, and that he carry with him in his retirement from his great office our love and admiration.

WM. F. KIRCHNER,
Chairman.
OSCAR SMITH,
SAMUEL C. PIERCE,
ZAN L. TIDBALL,
J. S. GRAHAM,
LEWIS S. PILCHER.

I move the adoption of this report.

Comrade Oscar Smith: I second the motion.

Senior Vice-Department Commander Long: Comrades, you have heard the motion. Are there any remarks? If not, as many as are in favor of the report will say "Aye," contrary, "No." The motion is carried and the report will be received and placed on file.

(At this point Commander Ewell resumed the Chair.)

Commander Ewell: The next report is from the Committee on Senior Vice-Department Commander's report.

Comrade Austin H. Stafford (Chairman of Committee): Commander and Comrades: Your Committee on the Report of the Senior Vice-Department Commander beg leave to report that they heartily endorse the report and recommend its adoption.

Signed by the Committee,

Austin H. Stafford,
Chairman.
Frank Johnson,
E. A. Dubey,
Frank Z. Jones,
Robert Simpson,
C. H. Norton,
Committee.

I move the adoption of the report.

Comrade Frank Z. Jones: I second the motion.

Comrade Ewell: You have heard the motion. If there is no discussion, all those in favor will say, "Aye," contrary, "No." The report is adopted and the same will be placed on file and printed in the proceedings of the Encampment.

The next report is that of the Committee on Junior Vice-Department Commander's Report.

Comrade Isidore Isaacs (Chairman of Committee): Commander: Your Committee, to whom was referred the report of the Junior Vice-Department Commander, begs leave to report

that it has examined the same, approved it and that it recommends its adoption.

I move the adoption of the report.

COMRADE GEORGE W. FLYNN: I second the motion.

COMMANDER EWELL: Comrades, you have heard the motion. All those in favor will say, "Aye," contrary, "No." The motion is carried. The report is adopted, will be placed on file and published in the proceedings of the Encampment.

The next report is that of the Committee on the Assistant Adjutant and Assistant Quartermaster-General's report.

COMRADE GEORGE H. LESTER (Chairman of Committee): Commander and Comrades: The Committee on the Assistant Adjutant and Assistant Quartermaster-General's Report, through its Chairman, begs leave to report that it has examined the report, approved it and that it recommends its adoption by this Encampment.

I move the adoption of the report.

COMRADE CHARLES A. SHAW: I second the motion.

COMMANDER EWELL: Comrades, you have heard the motion. All those in favor will say "Aye," contrary "No." The report is adopted, will be placed on file and printed in the proceedings of the Encampment.

The next report is that of the Committee on Patriotic Instructor's report.

COMRADE D. J. MCMILLAN (Chairman of Committee): Commander and Comrades: Your Committee to which was referred the report of the Patriotic Instructor, begs leave to report that it has examined it and approved it, and that it recommends its adoption.

I move the adoption of the report.

COMRADE PETER SHERIDAN: I second the motion.

COMRADE EWELL: Comrades, you have heard the motion. All those in favor will say "Aye," contrary "No." The report is adopted, will be placed on file and printed in the proceedings of the Encampment.

The next report is that of the Committee on Medical Director's Report.

COMRADE ROBERT P. BUSH (Chairman of Committee): Commander, I wish to state that I am Chairman of that Committee on the Medical Director's Report, and would report that no report has been reported. No report of the Medical Director can be found. Therefore, the Committee has not been called together and we have no report to make.

COMMANDER EWELL: The next report is that of the Committee on Judge Advocate's Report.

CHAIRMAN GEORGE H. BLACKMAN: Commander and Comrades, your committee, to which was referred the report of the Judge Advocate, begs leave to report that it has examined the same and approved it and that it recommends its adoption.

I move the adoption of the report.

COMRADE E. M. CHAMBERLAIN: I second the motion.

COMMANDER EWELL: Comrades, you have heard the motion. All those in favor will say "Aye;" contrary, "No." The report is adopted, will be placed on file and printed in the proceedings of the Encampment.

The next report is that of the Committee on the Chaplain's Report.

COMRADE GEORGE B. FAIRHEAD: Commander, Past Chaplain Shergur was the chairman of that committee. He and I had a meeting, but the others that were designated did not meet with us, but we two sensible men gave a sensible approval of the Chaplain's report, and I move its adoption.

COMRADE A. H. STAFFORD: I second the motion.

COMMANDER EWELL: Comrades, you have heard the motion. All those in favor say "Aye;" contrary, "No." The report is adopted, will be placed on file and printed in the proceedings of the Encampment.

We will now hear from the Committee on Delegates, of which committee Comrade Oscar Smith is chairman.

COMRADE OSCAR SMITH: Commander and Comrades, yesterday you appointed a committee to take up and report to you who, in their judgment, should be selected as delegates and alternates to the National Encampment, and who should be members of the Council of Administration for the ensuing year.

The nine men met last evening promptly at 8 o'clock. They were in session until 1 o'clock this morning, and by unanimous action they have directed me to report to you their findings.

NOMINATIONS FOR DELEGATES

DELEGATE AT LARGE TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

A. G. Mills ..... Post 140

DELEGATES

	POST		POST
Frederick W. Reohr.....	5	George A. Lent.....	397
P. C. Soule.....	237	Augustus Myers.....	33
James L. Lyons.....	136	James R. Silliman.....	600
John J. Hamlin.....	108	James Campbell.....	458
Thomas B. Sweet.....	45	William J. Barry.....	128
Cyrus W. Lord.....	285	Michael B. Wood.....	394
George Wander.....	2	Wallace Riley.....	76
T. A. Budd.....	9	Andrew Knauer.....	53
Frank M. Fisher.....	254	Caius A. Weaver.....	151
Albert Schoenwald.....	2	John McCloskey.....	560
Thomas H. Kiernan.....	148	Lewis Hunt.....	487
William H. Lyons.....	35	R. S. Rimington.....	92
Edwin H. Squires.....	435	C. J. Kellogg.....	90
Edward W. Castell.....	399	Charles D. Emery.....	226
John Sutphin.....	236	John W. Day.....	72
Henry S. Redman.....	84	John W. Durham.....	93

ALTERNATE AT LARGE TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

A. H. Stafford ..... Post 285

ALTERNATES

	POST		POST
William C. Peckham	327	Wm. H. Walker	324
Edward B. Long	466	Thomas Berridge	138
Henry C. Draper	148	C. W. Bourne	440
Thomas A. Burchill	397	Nelson Simmons	2
Wm. W. Ryder	144	Arthur B. Avery	506
Patrick H. Doody	69	Robert Hoffman	381
John Schmidling	62	Samuel Irvine	534
John H. McGean	2	Wm. B. Price	435
Adam J. Wagner	542	Edward G. Peterson	392
John S. Robertson	9	William Taylor, M. D.	49
Charles S. Travis	43	Henry R. Howard	455
E. M. Chamberlain	644	A. D. Grant	47
John H. Hilliker	368	B. W. Austin	7
Wm. L. Blaisdell	159	Louis Wanner	16
Edward A. Dubey	197	W. E. Widrick	367
Charles Heacox	393	George S. Parsons	156

Chairman Oscar Smith: To continue the report. Your committee reports as follows: For members of Council of Administration:

	POST
Henry Lilly	170
Fred C. Barger	140
Samuel McAuliffe	391
Frank Johnson	354
Silas H. Hooghkerk	5

This committee, Commander, submits this report, signed as follows:

Oscar Smith, *Chairman*,
A. H. Stafford,
George W. Flynn,
William F. Kirchner,
Thomas J. McConekey,
W. H. Kilfoile,
Samuel C. Pierce,
Edward J. Mitchell,
Frank Johnson,
Committee.

I move the adoption of the report.

COMRADE GEORGE W. FLYNN: I second the motion.

COMMANDER EWELL: Comrades, you have heard the motion. Is there any discussion?

COMRADE WILLIAM MURRELL: Commander and Comrades, I ask that you be kind enough to take my name off the list of alternates, and insert the name of some other Comrade. I thank the members of this committee for their kindness in thinking of me. I have taken money out of my pension money, which is all I have in this world, to attend this convention. I have done that for the many years that I have been in attendance with you and I cannot afford the outlay necessary to go to Indianapolis. Again I thank you and respectfully request that you place on the list the name of some man who is in a position and can afford to attend the National Encampment.

It was regularly moved and seconded that Comrade George W. Flynn, of Post 9, be substituted in place of Comrade William Murrell, Post 248, who declined.)

Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN OSCAR SMITH: Commander and Comrades, I think it is due Comrade Flynn to say that the committee was unanimous in requesting that he should be a candidate, but as he was one of the committee, and there were others, he felt they ought to be considered, and he refused the designation in the interests of the Comrades in his city.

COMMANDER EWELL: Pursuant to the motion just carried, I declare Comrade George W. Flynn, of Post 9, duly substituted in place of Comrade William Murrell, of Post 248, who has declined.

CHAIRMAN OSCAR SMITH: I move that the delegates and alternates designated by the committee and proposed as the delegates and alternates to the next Encampment of the National Body be adopted as the list of delegates and alternates from this Department, and that the members recommended and proposed for members of the Council of Administration for the ensuing year be selected as such by this Encampment.

Comrade A. H. Stafford: I second the motion.

Commander Ewell: Comrades, you have heard the motion, that the list of delegates and alternates designated and proposed by the Committee on Delegates be adopted as the list of delegates and alternates from this Department, and that the members recommended and proposed as members of the Council of Administration for the ensuing year be selected as such by this Encampment. Are you ready for the question? All those in favor of confirming this list and electing these respective Comrades as delegates and alternates and members of the Council of Administration will say "Aye;" opposed, "No." It is unanimously carried and I declare the recommendations adopted and the Comrades recommended for the various and respective positions duly elected.

Comrade W. F. Kirchner: Commander, I move that the Assistant Adjutant-General, when appointed, be authorized and directed to make the proper clerical corrections in the list of delegates, as far as names, initials, spelling and so forth is concerned, and the number of Posts; the same with reference to the alternates and the members of the Council of Administration.

Chairman Oscar Smith: I desire to second that motion and to say that one of the difficulties with which we met was the difficulty in deciphering the handwriting of the Comrades who handed in their names and expressed a desire to be appointed delegates, alternates and members of the Council of Administration. We had to practically get at the names and the initials in some cases.

Commander Ewell: Comrades, you have heard the motion that the Assistant Adjutant-General, when appointed, be authorized and directed to make the proper clerical corrections in the lists, as regards initials, spelling of names, numbers of Posts, etc. Are you ready for the question? All those in favor will say "Aye;" opposed, "No." The motion is carried.

The next order of business will be the receipt of reports from the committees appointed to wait upon the Allied Organizations, extend to them our greetings and to report back to this Encampment.

The first committee is that appointed to wait upon the Woman's Relief Corps. Comrade James S. Graham is chairman.

CHAIRMAN JAMES S. GRAHAM: Commander, your committee begs leave to report that it conveyed the greetings of the Encampment to the Woman's Relief Corps and found them very highly gratified over the result of the Encampment and willing to do anything and everything to aid the Comrades in their onward march. We have had considerable experience in late years with the Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Daughters of Veterans, and it does a man's heart good to see how earnest, how capable and how eager they are to do anything that they possibly can do to ameliorate conditions, particularly the conditions of our Comrades who fall by the way, and I think we ought to hold these women, as they are held, in the very highest respect, as they have contributed greatly to the standing and the character of the Grand Army of the Republic.

COMMANDER EWELL: If there is no objection, the report of the committee will be accepted and adopted.

The next report is that of the committee appointed to visit the Ladies of the G. A. R.

Frank Z. Jones is chairman of that committee.

CHAIRMAN FRANK Z. JONES: Commander and Comrades, your committee waited on the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic yesterday afternoon. We were received very graciously, and they were very desirous that I should convey to the Encampment this message, that they were depressed by the thought that we were not going to remain a great many years longer, yet they seemed to feel proud of the fact that they were growing younger, and I told them that they might be growing younger and we might be older in years, but we were just as young in heart as we ever were and enjoyed the society of the ladies just as much as ever — and some of us a little more.

They said that while it was inevitable that the Grand Army of the Republic must die in the future and go out of existence, yet they pledged themselves, so long as they were able, to keep the Grand Army and its spirit alive through the oncoming years.

Commander Ewell: If there is no objection the report will be received and adopted.

The next committee is a committee to visit the Sons of Veterans. Of that committee T. A. Budd is chairman.

Comrade J. K. Prosser: Commander, I would like to report that, as one of the members of the Committee to Visit the Sons of Veterans, the chairman and Comrade Pierce, of Rochester, were compelled to stay over at the meeting of the Sons of Veterans to make some presentation to them. I stayed there a few moments, and while I was there I can assure you that the Sons of Veterans were very much chagrined because of the condition into which their order has fallen, but they are not downhearted. They express the determination to go ahead, work harder and build their order up. They feel quite sorry on account of the loss they have had during the past year, and not only that, but they will take every old veteran by the collar, who lives in their communities, and ask him the reason why he does not belong to the Grand Army of the Republic.

They had a very enthusiastic gathering there. The hall was packed with Sons of Veterans and Grandsons of Veterans, and I think a year from now, Commander Ewell, that you will see the Sons of Veterans and the Grand Army of the Republic with a greatly increased membership roll.

Commander Ewell: If there is no objection this report will be accepted and adopted.

The next committee to report is that appointed to wait on the Daughters of Veterans. Comrade Tidball is chairman of that committee.

Chairman Z. L. Tidball: Commander and Comrades,

"*The Assistant Adjutant-General, Department of New York, G. A. R.:*

"Sir.— The committee appointed to examine the report of the Daughters of Veterans take great pleasure in approving the splendid work done by that organization during the past year.

"The substantial increase in membership is the result of earnest, practical effort, while the successful handling of the finances testified to painstaking, good judgment. The expressions of loyalty and affection contained in the report are sincerely appreciated and call forth corresponding response from every member of the Department.

"Z. L. TIDBALL, *Chairman,*
"ADAM METZGER."

COMMANDER EWELL: If there is no objection the report will be received and adopted.

The next committee to report is that to visit the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary. Comrade Henry L. Swords is chairman of that committee.

CHAIRMAN HENRY L. SWORDS: Commander and Comrades, your committee appointed to wait on the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary take pleasure in reporting that the greetings of the Encampment were graciously received; that this allied organization is in a most flourishing condition; that the help and aid extended to the Grand Army of the Republic in the past will be continued is the substance of their answer to you.

COMMANDER EWELL: If there is no objection this report will be received and adopted. Is there any further business to come before the Encampment?

A motion is in order that the committees appointed for the various purposes during this Encampment be discharged with the thanks of the Encampment for the very able and efficient manner in which they have discharged their duties.

(Regularly moved and seconded that the special committees appointed during this Encampment be discharged with the thanks of the Encampment. Motion unanimously carried.)

Is there any further business to come before the Encampment?

COMRADE HENRY L. KEENE: Mr. Commander and Comrades, I am called upon at this moment to perform a very pleasant duty. The Comrades of the Department of New York, Grand Army of the Republic, have asked me to express to you their appreciation of the able manner in which you have discharged the duties of

the Commander of this Department during the year just passed. That you have measured up to that high standard of excellence set by your predecessors is evidenced by scores of letters which I, as your Chief Aide, have received from Comrades in all parts of the State. They recognize in you an able citizen, a gallant soldier, a loyal Comrade and all who wear the little bronze button honor you.

Some time ago an incident occurred at a term of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, held in my home city, indicative of the esteem in which the badge of our beloved organization is held. A class of twenty-four young men who had but lately returned from France, where they fought for "Old Glory," were before the court to become 100 per cent Americans through the process of naturalization. After they had forsworn allegiance to all foreign powers and rulers and renewed their oath of allegiance to the country of their adoption, the presiding justice, among other things, said to them: "An old gentleman is sitting before me upon the lapel of whose coat is a little bronze button significant of the fact that he, too, has served his country. He fought in a war waged over half a century ago, a war waged for the perpetuity of the Union. To have the right to wear that badge is a distinctive honor, and I would rather have had the opportunity to earn that right than to be Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York."

Your Comrades have asked me to present to you this badge as a permanent reminder of the days of '61–'65, and of those who served with you. And with this badge, Commander, goes their hearty good will and best wishes for your further prosperity and happiness. (Applause.)

Commander Ewell: Comrades, I will try and make my speech as short and to the point as that of your spokesman. There are some things that touch us deeply, and this is one of those things. All the rewards of this life are not in money and houses and land. Any amount of these material things, without anything else, satisfies no right-thinking person. The most valuable and the strongest of ties that bind is the kindly regard of those with whom we are associated, and any token of that regard, no matter how plain or how beautiful or how costly it may be, is a

precious instrument, more precious than silver or gold to us. It is to me. This is something that I will carry and keep all my life, and something that I will appreciate as long as I live. I can only say, I thank you. That is all I can say, I thank you, Comrades.

Is there any further business to come before the Encampment at this time?

COMRADE JAMES TANNER: Commander, if there is no further business to come before the Encampment, I move that we proceed with the installation of officers.

COMRADE STAFFORD: I second the motion.

COMMANDER EWELL: Comrades, you have heard the motion. Are you ready for the question? All those in favor of the motion will say "Aye;" contrary, "No." The motion is carried. I will detail Comrade James S. Graham to take charge of the installation of the newly-elected officers.

COMRADE JAMES S. GRAHAM: With full appreciation of the dignity accorded me to install the officers-elect of this Department, my first duty will be to nominate Comrade Isidore Isaacs the officer of the day.

The Assistant Adjutant-General will announce the names of the officers-elect.

ACTING ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL RAZE:

Department Commander-elect ..... Alfred E. Stacey.
Senior Vice-Department Commander-elect.... Henry L. Keene.
Junior Vice-Department Commander-elect,
Thomas J. McConekey.
Chaplain ..... William E. Kimball.
Medical Director ..... Robert P. Bush.

COMRADE GRAHAM: Officer of the day, you will present for installation the Commander-elect.

COMRADE ISAACS: Sir, I present for installation Comrade Alfred E. Stacey, the Commander-elect.

COMRADE GRAHAM: Comrade, the fact that you have been elected Commander of the great Department of New York indicates that the Comrades have satisfactory confidence in your

ability and integrity and they feel assured that you will faithfully and impartially perform all the duties incumbent upon you. They confide the welfare of this Department to your keeping. Any breach of this trust will act injuriously upon the Grand Army of the Republic and bring discredit upon every Comrade. Let their confidence, therefore, be judged by your fidelity. You are by virtue of your office a member of the National Encampment, and it is expected that you will attend its meetings and exhibit an interest generally in the necessary workings, perfecting and maintaining of our organization. Realizing fully these responsibilities, are you ready to assume the duties of your office?

Department Commander-elect Stacey: I am.

(Obligation taken by Comrade Stacey.)

Comrade Graham: Officer of the Day, you will conduct the Commander to his seat.

Comrade Isaacs: Your orders, sir, have been obeyed.

Comrade Graham: You will now conduct to the platform for installation the Senior and Junior Vice-Department Commanders and the Medical Director.

Comrade Isaacs: Sir, I present for installation the Senior and Junior Vice-Department Commanders and the Medical Director-elect.

Comrade Graham: Comrades, you have been selected by your Comrades to fill the various offices in this Department to which you have been elected. It is important that your duty should be promptly and intelligently discharged. I, therefore, call your attention to article 8, chapter 2, of the Rules and Regulations. You will each raise your right hand, pronounce your name in full, and repeat after me the obligation of your office.

(Obligation taken by officers-elect.)

Officer of the Day, you will conduct these Comrades to their respective stations.

Comrade Isaacs: Sir, your orders have been obeyed.

Comrade Graham: Officer of the Day, you will present for installation the Chaplain-elect.

COMRADE ISAACS: Sir, I present to you for installation the Chaplain-elect.

COMRADE GRAHAM: Comrade, you have been selected by your Comrades to conduct the religious exercises of this Department. The rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic also require you, sir, to officiate at the funerals of Comrades wherever possible and to perform such duties in connection with your position as the Post may require. Are you ready to assume and perform these duties in a reverent spirit?

CHAPLAIN-ELECT KIMBALL: I am.

COMRADE GRAHAM: Comrade, no obligation which we could impose could render more sacred and binding the duties you are called upon to perform and it is expected that you will so dignify your office that your example will be followed by all of your Comrades and that there will be no reproach cast upon the religion whose precepts it is your duty to recite for our counsel and guidance.

Department Commander Stacey, are you ready to nominate your Assistant Adjutant-General?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER STACEY: I am, sir.

COMRADE GRAHAM: Whom do you nominate, sir?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER STACEY: I nominate as my Assistant Adjutant-General for the coming year Comrade B. F. Raze.

COMRADE GRAHAM: Officer of the Day, you will present for installation the Assistant Adjutant-General and Assistant Quartermaster-General.

COMRADE ISAACS: Sir, I present for installation the Assistant Adjutant-General and Assistant Quartermaster-General, nominated by the Department Commander.

COMRADE GRAHAM: In accordance with the rules and regulations the Commander has appointed you as Assistant Adjutant-General and Assistant Quartermaster-General of this Department. As he depends greatly upon you for the success of the Department for which he is responsible, this appointment indicates that

he has satisfactory confidence in your ability, and he feels assured that you will faithfully and promptly perform all the duties incumbent upon you. Your duties as recited by the rules and regulations are manifold and laborious, and I have simply to refer you to them, so far as they concern the duties of an Adjutant-General. Having had the experience, you are well fitted, and the appointment indicates that the Department Commander-elect has exercised most excellent judgment in nominating and appointing you, sir, as a helpmate for the purpose of conducting this great office. You will raise your right hand and assume the obligation of your office.

(Obligation taken.)

Comrade Isaacs, you will please accept from me, on behalf of your Comrades, their thanks for the efficient manner in which you have performed your duties on this occasion as Officer of the Day. You are relieved, sir, from further duty.

Comrades, in accordance with the rules and regulations I have installed you in your respective offices. It is for you to prove whether this day's work has been a good one. It is expected that each will strictly attend to the duties of his office and do all in his power to advance the interests of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Comrades of the Encampment, I now present to you the officers of your choice. I counsel you to aid them in the discharge of their duties, to strengthen their hands and encourage them in their labors. With your help, their term of office may be highly successful; without it the result of their labors must be barren. I invoke all to cherish the principle of fraternity. Let there be no cold reserve in your intercourse. Let the authority of rank and position necessary to have in service be laid aside, and each one lay aside all their differences of opinion for the good of the service.

Let us exemplify the spirit of true charity. Seek out and aid the deserving poor who would rather starve than press their necessities upon you. Let them know that the help the soldier gives to his crippled comrade and to the widow and orphan of the fallen, is not the almsgiving that parades itself for the commendation of the world, but a pure and holy offering tendered

in the spirit of our holy religion, the practical exemplification, my Comrades, of the Golden Rule.

Finally, Comrades, having proved your loyalty to your country, be loyal to each other. If you think a Comrade is worthy of your friendship, stand by him, though the whole world assail him. Let us encourage and strengthen the feeling of dependence on and confidence in each other and show to the world that we are worthy having served our country in the Grand Army of the Republic.

Commander Stacey, it gives me very great pleasure, sir, to present you with this gavel, the emblem of your authority as Commander of this Department, to formally induct you into office and to declare you, sir, fully qualified to perform all the duties thereof.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER STACEY: Comrade Graham, I thank you on behalf of your Comrades for the able and impressive manner in which you have performed your duties in the installation of officers.

Is there any further business to be transacted at this, the Fifty-fourth Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of New York?

COMRADE JAMES TANNER: Commander and Comrades, It has been suggested as fitting that as we depart once more from Syracuse that we should give expression of our thanks for the many kindnesses and courtesies and attention which we have received from the officials and citizens of the city.

Naturally the thought comes to many of us of when we were here in days long past, when our ranks were fuller, when there was not the universal crown of white on the heads of all the Comrades and when many of the citizenship were present that we miss now. The Grand Army of the Republic, it seems to me, has been a living lesson of patriotism the country over, as it has made its pilgrimages annually when the various departments met, or, in the larger field, when the National Encampment is held.

In various communities in the United States where the National Body of the Grand Army has met it has come to be a frequent occurrence for me to be spoken to by some of the younger element

of the communities and there has been a similarity in their remarks in one point, and that is, "We know you better because you have met in our city. To us in the past the Grand Army of the Republic has been but a name. We knew it had a history back of it and a great history, but it has been impressed upon our minds since you met here as never before." Several of those young men who have spoken to me in the various cities have said: "We thought that the Grand Army made a mistake in not having a permanent headquarters, a permanent place of meeting, but judging by the effect of your presence here, and your discussions and your impressions on other communities, as it has proven to be on ours, we think you have pursued the right course."

And so it has been in the perigrinations of the Grand Army of the Republic since I first attended the meeting of the National Encampment in Philadelphia in '76, and I have not missed one since.

We have gone from Portland, Maine, to Portland, Oregon, and on innumerable occasions during the forty-five years' existence of the organization we have visited the intermediate cities. We have been a living lesson and, in my opinion, not the slightest debt that the people of the country owe to the Grand Army of the Republic is the gospel of patriotism that has followed these meetings.

Many a boy, perhaps, who laid down his life at the Marne, Chauteau Thierry and other places across the sea had his first lesson on what that flag stood for when he, as a boy, gazed upon the halting steps of the Comrades in the olden days when the Grand Army Encampment was held in his community.

So, as the result of the late war and the work we have done since the close of the Civil War, we have a new and stronger claim on the continued hospitality of this fair city of Syracuse, and I can assure them for you, I feel certain, that it is entirely within the possibilities of the future that the invitation so generously given by the splendid Mayor of this great city will be accepted and that we will visit with them again. If I were to nominate the time, I should say about ten years from now. I would miss a lot of you Comrades, but I can assure you that I will be here to get up on the platform and carry on the great work of the G. A. R.

In the meantime, in the name of the Delegates to this Encampment, I wish to express the sentiments of the Grand Army toward the City of Syracuse. May the sun shine fair on Syracuse for all the days to come and may prosperity attend its inhabitants. May the spirit of patriotism grow and dominate, and, from her citizenship, in any of the perils that the nation may have to confront in the future — and believe me when I say there will be perils — may we not express the hope and confidence that Syracuse, so loyal and so generous in the past, will furnish its full quota of defenders of the Republic as they may be necessary when we shall lie mouldering in the grave and our disembodied spirits are resting in the fair fields that Providence has provided.

DR. ROBERT P. BUSH: Commander and Comrades, I cannot allow this occasion to pass without rising to second this vote of thanks to the citizens and the government of Syracuse for their welcome.

On the 18th day of April, 1861, I enlisted in the town of Homer in the First Onondaga. That regiment went from Syracuse to Elmira as the First New York and we served two years, although sworn in for only three months. They stayed and those men who stayed were too proud to leave the flag, although they had every opportunity. They served until their term of service had expired. I can find, in looking through the lists of the Grand Army Posts, only two of the old Twelfth New York living among the members of the Grand Army in the city of Syracuse.

I was a member of the last Onondaga regiment, the One Hundred and Eighty-fifth. It was formed here in September, 1864, and I will say that a better regiment never served. The old Twelfth was under the command, at first, of Colonel E. L. Walworth, and the Lieutenant-Colonel was Rob Richmond, who, from his many years of service in Albany, must have been acquainted with some of you.

The last regiment was under a prince of officers, Colonel Edwin S. Jennings, and it had as Lieutenant-Colonel, afterwards Colonel, the famous Gus Sniper.

Commander, I wish to say that on my perhaps too infrequent visits to Syracuse that I have always found the same spirit of

loyalty, of comradeship, of Americanism, of deep and intensive patriotism running through the old veterans of Syracuse, Onondaga county, as well as through the community, represented by the Ladies' Auxiliaries and the Sons of Veterans.

I heartily second the vote of thanks to the City of Syracuse made by this Department.

Department Commander Stacey: Comrades, you have heard the motion made by Comrade Tanner and seconded by Comrade Bush, that a vote of thanks be extended to the City of Syracuse for the magnanimous spirit in which they have prepared for this Encampment, and the spirit in which they have received, treated and entertained the members of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of New York, while in the city. All those in favor of the motion will please rise. Those opposed will rise. The motion has been carried unanimously.

(Regularly moved and seconded that the stenographer be instructed to transcribe the motion made by Corporal James Tanner and the address made by Comrade Dr. Robert P. Bush in seconding the motion, and that it be delivered to the newspapers of the City of Syracuse immediately. Motion carried.)

Commander Stacey: The minutes will be transcribed and furnished to the newspapers this afternoon, immediately after the close of the Encampment.

At the close of the Encampment there will be a meeting of the Council of Administration at the Onondaga Hotel, and it is hoped that every member of the Council will be present.

If there is no further business to come before the Encampment a motion that we proceed to close is in order.

Comrade Mitchell: Commander, I move that we proceed to close this Encampment.

Comrade Oscar Smith: I second the motion.

Commander Stacey: Comrades, you have heard the motion that we proceed to close this Encampment. All those in favor will say "Aye;" contrary, "No." The motion is carried.

Pursuant to the motion just adopted, I now declare this Encampment closed.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

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Senior Vice-Commander's Report

White Plains, *June* 15, 1920.

To Chas. A. Orr, *Assistant Adjutant General:*

Dear Sir and Comrade.— In compliance with the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, I have the honor to submit to you this my annual report as Senior Vice-Commander of this Department, for the year just closing. The duties of Senior Vice-Commander are not onerous, but such as they were I have tried to fulfill to your satisfaction and that of the Comrades of the Department.

I attended the National Encampment at Columbus, Ohio, where that splendid Comrade and good soldier, James D. Bell, Past Department Commander of the State of New York, was by acclamation elected and installed Commander-in-Chief of our great Association. Unfortunately, after serving in the great office for a brief period, and although in apparent good health, he was taken suddenly away, and it was my sad duty to attend his funeral at his splendid home in Brooklyn.

It was also my sad duty to attend the funeral of Past Department Commander John C. Shotts, in the city of Yonkers, and only a few months later I also attended the funeral of Past Commander Edward J. Atkinson, also in the city of Yonkers.

I have attended a number of installations, camp fires, reunions and other functions.

I thank you very much for the consideration always shown me.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

Edward B. Long,

Senior Vice-Department Commander.

Junior Vice-Commander's Report

Albany, N. Y., *June* 15, 1920.

To Charles A. Orr, *Assistant Adjutant-General, Department of New York, G. A. R., Capitol, Albany, N. Y.:*

Dear Sir and Comrade.— In pursuance of instructions from the Department I went to Fort Ann June 12th. Lou Washburn Post 335, Department of New York, G. A. R., held a special meeting at 1:30 p. m. at the residence of A. C. Vaughan, Commander, which is now used as a meeting place for the Post. There are but eight members left, six of whom, including the Commander, were present. After the meeting was opened in regular form Commander Vaughan stated the case of the misunderstanding in the Post, as follows: The newly-elected Quartermaster, C. A. Keach,, claimed the Quartermaster should hold all funds, including the relief fund. Commander Vaughan held the relief fund at the request of the Board of Supervisors, who contributed it, and refused to turn it over. This matter was satisfactorily adjusted and Quartermaster A. C. Keach was installed. Again good feeling was restored. All smoked the pipe of peace.

I found Comrade A. C. Vaughan a very enthusiastic G. A. R. man and I left the little Post sailing again on smooth waters. Incidentally Commander Vaughan has collected during his life, and has artistically arranged in a room in his residence, a collection of relics of the War of the Revolution and of all the wars, including the World War. It is worth traveling hundreds of miles to see. Relics of the Civil War predominate.

With a profound sense of fraternal feeling toward all Comrades, I am

Yours in F., C. and L.,

Louis H. La Vallee,

Junior Vice-Department Commander.

REPORT OF PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

1657 SUNSET AVE., UTICA, N. Y., *June* 21, 1920.

To CHAS. A. ORR, *Assistant Adjutant-General:*

The honor of appointment to the office of Department Patriotic Instructor brought me a service of large possibilities, were means at hand to prosecute it to the full.

I had a conversation, at Albany, with the Superintendent of the State Schools. I found him a real Patriot and greatly interested in school activities on this line. I also conversed with principals and leading scholars of a number of schools, finding that there is much of interest and work on this line. Flags are in all the schools, as well as Lincoln's great speech. Salutation of the Flag is usually practiced.

Intercommunication with Post and County Instructors was quite narrow, owing to postage expense. The suggestion for Memorial Day exercises made in General Orders No. 5 was carried out by my own, Ross Post No. 31, New York Mills. Comrade Cooper, who heard the Great Lincoln deliver it, read it with marked emphasis. The Postmaster memorized Longfellow's "Ship of State" and delivered it in fine style. I sang first, fourth and fifth verses of "Battle Hymn," and this bit of service stirred the audience deeply. Twenty-four Posts sent reports to me, and eighty reports were sent to Albany. In survey of those at hand, there is evidence that State schools are alert on this line. Many Post Instructors heartily assisted in the hallowed services.

In some of the schools Lincoln's Address is in the curriculum, and each student is told to memorize it, a practice which should be universally demanded; Longfellow's "Ship of State" should also be included.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

GEO. B. FAIRHEAD,

Department Patriotic Instructor.

REPORT OF CHAPLAIN

Schenevus, N. Y., *June* 15, 1920.

Charles A. Orr, *Assistant Adjutant-General, Department of New York, G. A. R.:*

Dear Comrade.— In submitting the annual report of the Department Chaplain, I desire first to express my appreciation for the honor conferred upon me and Post No. 15 (located midway between the largest cities of the State of New York) at the Fifty-Third Encampment in electing me to the high office of Chaplain of the New York Department of the G. A. R.

During the year I have endeavored conscientiously to perform all the duties of my office, earnestly praying for the welfare of the members of the Posts in the Department, not forgetting Posts Nos. 532 and 652 across our borders in Canada.

Only 152 Post Chaplains sent in their Memorial Day reports. I considered this a poor showing for the New York Department, which reported 476 Posts at the Fifty-Third National Encampment.

In view of the small number of reports received, I thought best to write to the Commanders of the delinquent Posts, which I did, to the number of more than 250, urging them to be sure that their Post Chaplains made their reports by the 7th of June, in order that the incoming Chaplain might be able to send the Chaplain-in-Chief a satisfactory report of the New York Department.

There has been received up to date, in answer to the appeal made, response from more than 100 Posts that failed to report last year.

I have been called to officiate at three funerals of Comrades, one of whom was a member of my own Post.

Thanking you again for honor conferred,

Respectfully submitted in F., C. L.,

D. P. Lappeus,

Department Chaplain.

SCHENEVUS, N. Y., *June* 16, 1920.

CHARLES A. ORR, *Assistant Adjutant-General, New York Department, G. A. R.:*

This report refers to Memorial Sabbath and Memorial Day services.

Whole number of Posts reporting	152
Posts attending Memorial Sabbath services	148
Sermons and addresses	150
Sermons delivered by Veterans of Civil War	11
Services delivered by Sons of Veterans	18
Comrades present at these services	2,622
Posts observing Memorial Day	152
Comrades present	3,188
Cemeteries visited	860
Graves decorated	44,367
Graves without markers	442
Public schools present	521
Pupils present	28,116
Other organizations present	448
Memorial addresses by Veterans of Civil War	13
Memorial addresses by Sons of Veterans of Civil War	29
Posts that have burial lots	86

You can include this in my report if thought best.

Sincerely yours in F., C. and L.,

D. P. LAPPEUS,

Department Chaplain.

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL

ALBANY, N. Y., *June* 19, 1920.

JOSEPH E. EWELL, *Department Commander, N. Y., G. A. R.:*

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE.— I herewith submit my report as Assistant Adjutant-General of this Department during your administration.

The following table shows the membership at the close of the year 1919, and the changes during that year:

Number of members in good standing January 1, 1919		10,976
Loss during the year	1,675	
Gain during the year	438	
		1,237
Total membership January 1, 1920		9,739
Loss by death during the year, January 1, 1919, to January 1, 1920	916	
Loss by honorable discharge	26	
Loss by transfer	62	
Loss by suspension	355	
Loss by delinquent reports	109	
Loss by surrender of charter	207	
Total loss		1,675
Gain by muster	82	
Gain by transfer	167	
Gain by reinstatement	133	
Gain by reinstatement from delinquent reports	56	
Total gain		438
Net loss		1,237

The following Posts have surrendered charters from June, 1919, to June, 1920:

Post No.	Location	No. members
178.	Middleport	14
239.	Buffalo	32

383.	Candor	15
408.	New York	9
414.	Bliss	5
476.	McGrawville	7
488.	Castile	4
518.	Springwater	14
599.	Parish	8
666.	East Randolph	7
	Total	115

The following Posts have consolidated from June, 1919, to June, 1920:

Dakin Slocum Post 206 with Mansfield Post 35, Brooklyn, N. Y., now Mansfield Dakin Post 35.

Cushing Post 231 with Thomas C. Devin Post 148, Brooklyn, now Devin-Cushing Post 148.

Post 443, Brooklyn, surrendered charter but members have united with Post 499, Brooklyn.

A. J. Myer Post 239 surrendered charter and every member joined E. L. Hayward Post 542. These two Posts belonged in Buffalo, so there was no loss of membership.

You will note that four of the above Posts have consolidated with four other Posts without loss in membership, which is very commendable to these Comrades of these eight Posts and it is hoped that whenever a Post cannot continue its organization, that consolidation with another Post can be brought about and the fraternal work continue.

To Miss Bernice Case, our popular and efficient Clerk at Headquarters, I wish to extend my sincere thanks for her very satisfactory work.

The foregoing report was examined and approved by the Committee, and they recommend its adoption.

G. H. LESTER,
PHIL M. WALES,
CHARLES A. SHAW,
BIRT F. PARSONS,
FRANK M. FISHER,
Committee.

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL

CAPITOL, ALBANY, N. Y., *June* 21, 1920.

JOSEPH E. EWELL, *Department Commander:*

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE.— In compliance with the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, I submit to you the following statement and detailed report in full of the business transacted in this office from June 21, 1919, to June 21, 1920.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

CHAS. A. ORR,

Assistant Quartermaster-General.

1919.	RECEIPTS	
June 21.	Received from William C. Peckham, A. Q. M. General	$944 14
July 31.	Received from State of New York, due last administration	125 00
Nov. 21.	Received from State of New York (office expenses)	596 41
May 7.	Received from State of New York (office expenses)	609 44
June —.	Received from State of New York (office expenses)	125 57
	Received from State of New York for services of Secretary	1,500 00

Sale of Supplies

June 18 to August 1, 1919	$34 83	
August, 1919	15 99	
September, 1919	11 88	
October, 1919	30 01	
November, 1919	17 04	
December, 1919	37 97	
January, 1920	25 29	
February, 1920	16 45	
	$189 46	$3,900 56

Carried	$189 46	$3,900 56
March, 1920	18 47	
April, 1920	18 88	
May, 1920	32 77	
June 1 to 21, 1920	17 86	
		277 44

Per Capita Tax

From delinquent Posts, 1918	$4 70	
Term ending June 30, 1919	1,055 20	
Term ending June 30, 1919 (delinquents)	36 30	
Term ending December 31, 1919	934 10	
Term ending December 31, 1919 (delinquents)	34 20	
		2,064 50
Total receipts		$6,242 50
On deposit Albany Savings Bank, (Defense fund)	$15 83	
On deposit Albany Savings Bank, (Sinking fund)	2,663 16	
On deposit Home Savings Bank	5,551 75	
		8,230 74
Total Receipts and money on deposit		$14,473 24
Value of supplies turned over by William C. Peckham		$420 86
Value of supplies on hand June 21, 1920		424 22

DISBURSEMENTS

Services

Vouchers

	Bernice Case, Clerk, June, 1919–June, 1920, (Paid direct by State Comptroller)		$1,500 00
18.	Chas. A. Orr, A. A. & Q. M. General, July, 1919	$100 00	
23.	Chas. A. Orr, A. A. & Q. M. General, August, 1919	100 00	
		$200 00	$1,500 00

	Carried	$200 00	$1,500 00
34.	Chas. A. Orr, A. A. & Q. M. General, September, 1919....	100 00	
36.	Chas. A. Orr, A. A. & Q. M. General, October, 1919	100 00	
40.	Chas. A. Orr, A. A. & Q. M. General, November, 1919....	100 00	
43.	Chas. A. Orr, A. A. & Q. M. General, December, 1919	100 00	
49.	Chas. A. Orr, A. A. & Q. M. General, January, 1920	100 00	
53.	Chas. A. Orr, A. A. & Q. M. General, February, 1920	100 00	
57.	Chas. A. Orr, A. A. & Q. M. General, March, 1920	100 00	
59.	Chas. A. Orr, A. A. & Q. M. General, April, 1920.....	100 00	
	Chas. A. Orr, A. A. & Q. M. General, May, 1920	100 00	
	Chas. A. Orr, A. A. & Q. M. General, June, 1920.....	100 00	
			1,200 00
47.	Clarence W. Stanton, Judge Advocate, 6 months.....	$75 00	
	Clarence W. Stanton, Judge Advocate, 6 months.....	75 00	
			150 00
	Traveling Expenses		
22.	Joseph E. Ewell, Department Commander	$150 00	
44.	Joseph E. Ewell	150 00	
63.	Joseph E. Ewell.....	200 00	
			500 00
52.	Isidore Isaacs, to Atlantic City to secure Headquarters for Nat'l Encampment		17 50
69.	Louis H. LaVallee, Junior Vice Com'dr., to Fort Ann and return on official business.....		10 00
			$3,377 50

Council of Administration
Elmira, June 24, 1919

	Carried		$3,377 50
1.	C. A. Weaver	$8.59	
2.	A. H. Stafford	12 35	
3.	Thomas J. McConekey	13 29	
4.	Henry Lilly	15 00	
5.	George W. Flynn	10 83	
6.	H. Stewart Warner	8 59	
7.	Wm. C. Peckham	15 29	
			83 94
11.	Bernice Case, Clerk		11 50

Council of Administration
Albany, January 22, 1920

46a.	F. A. Mathews	$20 18	
46a.	Fred C. Barger	16 00	
46a.	Samuel McAuliffe	19 28	
46a.	Edward B. Long	22 40	
			77 86

Legislative Committee
Albany, January 22, 1920

46a.	Robert P. Bush		7 50

Department Encampment Expense
Elmira, N. Y., June 24–26, 1919

8.	Edward J. Mitchell, Credential Committee	$10 00	
9.	F. A. M. Ball, Credential Committee	10 00	
10.	Adam J. Wagner, Credential Committee	10 00	
14.	Wm. C. Peckham, Entertaining Commander-in-Chief	32 50	
21.	Clarence F. Welsh, reporting proceedings	125 00	
			187 50
			$3,745 80

National Encampment Expense

	Carried		$3,745 80
17.	Chas. A. Orr, ribbon for badges	$19 89	
27.	Hotel Deshler, Headquarters...	136 70	
28.	Chas. A. Orr, A. A. & Q. M. Gen'l	31 02	
26.	Wm. W. Ely, band for parade..	93 00	
29.	B. Franklin Raze, Act. Asst. Adjt. Gen'l	33 75	
30.	Bernice Case, Clerk	37 56	
31.	Joseph E. Ewell, Dept. Com...	31 02	
			382 94

National Per Capita Tax

12.	C. D. R. Stowits, first term, 1919	$192 08	
51.	C. D. R. Stowits, second term, 1919	170 44	
			362 52

Supplies

13.	C. D. R. Stowits	$6 75	
41.	C. D. R. Stowits	81 35	
55b.	C. D. R. Stowits	1 75	
56.	C. D. R. Stowits	20 30	
67.	C. D. R. Stowits	65 75	
			175 90

Printing

20.	S. H. Wentworth	$114 02	
24.	S. H. Wentworth	69 47	
39.	S. H. Wentworth	100 32	
45.	S. H. Wentworth	9 75	
48.	S. H. Wentworth	42 50	
55.	S. H. Wentworth	17 60	
62.	S. H. Wentworth	14 00	
64.	S H. Wentworth	83 55	
73.	S. H. Wentworth	79 75	
68.	The Buffalo Commercial	20 00	
			550 96
			$5,218 12

Office Expenses

	Carried		$5,218 12
19.	June 21–August 1, 1919	$47 36	
25.	August	49 00	
35.	September	18 32	
37.	October	27 82	
42.	November	39 54	
46.	December	19 90	
50.	January, 1920	29 35	
54.	February	17 72	
58.	March	18 10	
60.	April	21 14	
65.	May	26 30	
72.	June	36 93	
			351 48

Miscellaneous

15.	American Surety Co., bond	$7 50	
16.	Royal Indemnity Co., bond	7 50	
32.	F. M. Howell & Co., mailing tubes	7 50	
33.	The Hollywood Florists, wreath for Past Dept. Commander, John Shotts	10 00	
38.	Phillips Florist, wreath for Past Dept. Commander and Past Commander-in-Chief, James D. Bell	20 00	
61.	Cathedral Florists, wreath for Past Dept. Commander, Edward J. Atkinson	10 00	
			62 50
	Total disbursements		$5,632 10

Receipts (General fund)	$6,242 50	
Disbursements	5,632 10	
In National Commercial Bank and on hand	$610 40	

Vouchers

DIGEST OF DISBURSEMENTS

Paid officers' salaries	$2,850 00
Paid traveling expenses	527 50
Paid Council meetings (2)	173 30
Paid legislative committee	7 50
Paid Department Encampment expense	187 50
Paid National Encampment expense	382 94
Paid National per capita tax	362 52
Paid supplies	175 90
Paid printing	550 96
Paid office expenses	351 48
Paid miscellaneous bills	62 50
	$5,632 10
Cash in bank and on hand	$8,841 14
Value of supplies on hand	424 22
Due from State of New York July 1, 1920 to July 1, 1921, as per appropriation bill	3,000 00
Total	$12,265 36

REPORT OF JUDGE-ADVOCATE

COHOCTON, N. Y., *June* 21, 1920.

To CHARLES A. ORR, *Assistant Adjutant-General, Department of New York, G. A. R.:*

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE.— As required by the Rules and Regulations I have the honor to submit the following report of the proceedings of the office of Judge-Advocate for the year ending with this date.

The duties of the office have been rendered much easier than otherwise by courtesies and assistance which I have always received from yourself and your associates at Headquarters, and also from our Department Commander, General Joseph E. Ewell, himself a veteran Judge-Advocate, as well as an erudite lawyer and judge of the courts.

I have rendered opinions upon matters submitted to me, including, among others, letters received, and which are, practically, all contained in the following report, and some of which have been published in general orders and in the records, and which are herewith.

Respectfully submitted,
CLARENCE W. STANTON,
Judge-Advocate.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK — GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

In the Matter of an Existing, but Long Inactive Post — The Commander Continues in Office — His Authority as to Suspending Members in Arrears, Etc.

Clarence W. Stanton, Judge-Advocate.

DECISION No. 1, October 14th, 1919, Etc.

Statement of facts, by Comrade D. W. Hommel of Post No. 215, Saugerties, N. Y., for himself, and as a committee for other members, is briefly, as follows:

Between four and five years ago, Comrade Carnwright, the Commander of the Post, was killed in an automobile accident. Soon afterward a meeting was called for the purpose of electing

a Commander in his place. Only four or five members were present, and elected a new Commander. Since that time there have been no regular meetings, and no election of officers. The Commander thus elected took everything into his own hands, and did everything without authority. The Adjutant resigned and the Commander thereupon took hold of the funds $112, and of the same only $28 is now left, and he solicits contributions for Memorial Day expenses, although the town appropriates $50 a year for that purpose. He is trying to sell the furniture of the Post, and has seized it, and has seized the furniture of the Woman's Relief Corps, and locked it up excluding the W. R. C. ladies therefrom. Most of the nine or ten members, some of whom are charter members, have refused to pay their dues, not knowing whom to pay them to, nor who the officers are, nor what becomes of the money, as no account is given of anything, and he has now notified us that we are suspended for nonpayment of dues.

Question, No. 1. Can the Commander suspend us, or read us out of the Post in such case?

Answer. No.

Question, No. 2. Is the Commander thus elected still Commander?

Answer. Yes, if he was regularly and duly elected and qualified.

Question, No. 3. What shall we do?

Answer. The members of the Post should assemble at its place, and stated time of meeting, and elect officers, and then proceed with its duties.

From the above ex parte statement it is clear that the officers and members of this Post have been lax in the performance of their duties. If a mistake was made in the election of its Commander, it might have been rectified at the time for the next annual election; or, of any annual election since that time; or at some other time during the following years; and their failure to do so was a mistake only equaled by their failure to attend the meeting called for that election of Commander to fill the vacancy caused by Commander Carnwright's death.

As to Question No. 1. The laws provide that a Comrade in arrears cannot be suspended, or dropped, except by a vote of the Post, after due notice to him, in writing, and he cannot therefore be so disposed of by the Commander, or without such notice. Rules and Regulations. (Chapter 5, article 4, section 3, and notes hereunder, and as shown by the Blue Book, page 92.)

As to Question 2. If the present Commander was duly elected and installed, he continues to be the Commander until his successor is elected and installed. (Chapter 2, article 7, section 1, Rules and Regulations, and notes thereunder; as also shown in the Blue Book, pages 45 and 46.)

As to Question 3. What shall Post No. 115 and its members now do?

Their duty is plain, in order to prevent becoming more derelict, and save forfeiting their charter:

First. Decide promptly, upon what you *wish to do,* and then work together to that end. Every comrade should understand that his presence at the stated Post meetings is demanded until its officers are elected and qualified, which should be as soon as practicable, and the election should be held as early as the first stated meeting in December next, and the officers installed at the first regular meeting in January.

Second. And then, all officers and members continue to do their duty, correct any irregularities that may exist, work in unison with the auxiliary societies, and each other, for the benefit and credit of themselves and of their post, and its influence upon the national, and other questions in which every veteran and his family have an interest, remembering that, as the Grand Army of the Republic is the strength of the soldiers of the Civil War, so is it equally true that the individual veterans and their Posts, when doing their duty are the strength of the Grand Army of the Republic.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK — GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

In the Matter of Readmitting an Honorably Discharged Comrade to Membership in the Post.

Clarence W. Stanton, Judge-Advocate.

Decision No. 2.

Comrade J. K. Prosser, Commander of J. D. O'Brian Post No. 65, of Oswego, New York, on the 7th of October, 1919, presents the following facts:

Several years ago a comrade took a regular honorable discharge from O'Brian Post, and now wishes to join it again, and I wish you would inform me regarding how he can become an active member of the Post:

The answer is: As provided in chapter 2, article 4, section 3, of the Rules and Regulations, to wit:

By filing a new application, to be regularly referred and reported on, and upon receiving a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at a regular meeting, he shall be admitted without remuster, or taking anew the obligation.

Dated this 14th day of October, 1919.

Department of New York — Grand Army of the Republic

Matter of Reorganizing a Post which has Surrendered Its Charter.

Clarence W. Stanton, Judge-Advocate.

Opinion No. 3, November 10, 1919.

Statement of facts by Comrade R. D. French, R. F. D. No. 1, Wadhams, New York:

There are eight old members of S. C. Dwyer Post No. 528 in the town of Lewis, Essex county, wanting to reorganize the Post, which surrendered its charter October 1, 1918, with headquarters at Lewis Center.

Query 1. Can we do so?

Query 2. And if so, can we have our old charter back, or would we have to procure a new one?

Answer to Question No. 1. I do not find any record of this exact question having been adjudicated upon. There is a query as to whether this case comes under either chapter 2, article 1, section 1, or, chapter 5, article 1, section 1 of the Rules and Regulations, which require an application of not less than ten persons to warrant the forming of a Post.

It does not evidently do so. These sections referred to

expressly apply to the formation of a Post, and not to the reorganization of an old Post. This view is emphasized when considering all the provisions of the Rules and Regulations, and the practice thereunder; and that the trend and intent of the G. A. R. law becomes more and more to recognize the right of a Post to exist and do business with a smaller number of members, and a smaller quorum, than formerly. And also, whereas, ten members were originally required to save a Post from losing its charter, the laws now prohibit its charter being surrendered so long as five members thereof demand its continuance. (Chapter 2, article 1, section 2 Rules and Regulations, as amended.)

It therefore follows that the Department Commander may, in his discretion, permit the reorganization of the Post upon the application of the eight (or more) persons; and, if reorganized, it may elect to have its meetings at any place in the town.

Answer to Question No. 2. A Post disbanded may be reorganized with its original name and number, provided that these have not been appropriated. In such reorganization a new charter shall be issued bearing the names of the new, as well as the old, members petitioning therefor. (Chapter 2, article 1, section 13 of the Rules and Regulations.)

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK — GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Matter of Conversion, or Diverting, of a Relief Fund by the Quartermaster of a Post, Without the Authority, or Knowledge of the Post, or of the Relief Committee.

Clarence W. Stanton, Judge-Advocate.

DECISION No. 4, *December* 13, 1919.

Statement of facts by the Commander of a Post made November 24, 1919:

A member of this Post was selected Quartermaster in January, 1911, and has held the office ever since then. The Relief Funds during that time accumulated to $240 and we have a Relief Committee which "O. Ks." all orders upon this fund. It is found that the Quartermaster has been appropriating this fund to his own use except as to a remainder of about $45, without reporting

the same, while at the same time reporting the full amount first named on hand, and that sum has been thereupon reported to headquarters accordingly.

The Quartermaster has promised to make good, but is asking that the Board of Supervisors make it up to him as for the use of indigent and needy soldiers, now stating that he used the money to pay his own doctor bills. He has considerable property, and the Post — and it is understood that also his bondsmen do not approve of such action, nor of such an endeavor, under the circumstances, believing that it would be discreditable to the Post, and unjust to the taxpayers, and the county board will not allow the bill, especially as it has not been "O. K.d" by the Relief Committee, or audited or approved by the Post, or its officers.

Question No. 1. Is such action by the Quartermaster proper, or excusable?

Question No. 2. What action should be taken by the Post as to the missing funds?

Question No. 3. What further action should be taken as to the Quartermaster?

Answer to Question No. 1. No such management by the officer is justifiable, nor excusable, upon the above statement of facts.

The G. A. R. law is definite and clear in the matter. The Quartermaster should pay out no money except as authorized by the Post, and the correct manner of doing so is upon the requisition of the Adjutant, approved by the Commander, as provided in chapter 2, article 8, section 4, of the Rules and Regulations.

An additional precaution is also required in the management and disbursing of a Relief Fund for the assistance of needy soldiers, sailors and marines, and the widows and orphans of deceased soldiers, sailors and marines, by the mandatory provision that this fund shall be held sacred for such purposes. (Chapter 5, article 12, Rules and Regulations.)

In this case the officer seems to have disregarded his duty, and his obligations as Quartermaster, and custodian of that fund, not only by ignoring the Post and its officials, and likewise the Relief Committee having especial jurisdiction in the matter, in

addition to diverting the funds to his own use, and reporting the vanishing moneys from year to year as being on hand.

Answer to Question No. 2. The Quartermaster should, by the aid of his bondsmen, if necessary, be required to make the fund good, and the civil as well as the G. A. R. law may be invoked in the matter, if necessary.

Answer to Question No. 3. What further action should be taken as to the official, is a question that may be answered in more than one way. If the Post and its members, who well know the party involved, and who are fully acquainted with all of the facts, believe that proceedings should be taken leading to his suspension, expulsion or dishonorable discharge by Court Martial, then such course by them would be justified; but if his physical, mental and other circumstances and conditions are such that they should decide to omit any further action after the funds in question are made good, then their judgment and decision in that matter would no doubt be accepted as final and conclusive.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK — GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Matter of Retiring Veterans and Pensioning Them Under the Civil Service Law.

Clarence W. Stanton, Judge-Advocate.

OPINION No. 5, April 8, 1920.

Statement made by M. H. Cole, M. D., Post No. 76, March 29, 1920:

On February 1, 1908, I was appointed surgeon to Niagara county almshouse; remained in the employ of Niagara county until July 31, 1918, ten years and four months: reported for duty at the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Bath, N. Y., July 4, 1918. Have been there ever since as Assistant Surgeon; am seventy-five years of age.

Question. Can I retire on a pension from the Soldiers' Home?

OPINION

Upon the facts stated, assuming that the Comrade was honorably discharged from the service, and that his duties and engagements with Niagara county, and with the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home have been such as to be regarded as continuous service, it is clearly his right to retire from the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home upon the pay provided for by the statute.

The law upon which his rights are founded is chapter 768 of the statutes of 1917, which provide that

> "Every soldier, sailor or marine of the army or navy of the United States in the late Civil War honorably discharged from the service who shall have been employed for a continuous period of ten years or more in the civil service of the State of New York and the several cities and counties thereof and who shall have reached the age of seventy years upon his own request, or if employed in manual labor upon being incapacitated for performing manual labor, shall be retired from his employment by the State of New York and the several cities and counties thereof, and thereafter during his life the State department or institution and the several cities and counties which employed him at the time of his retirement shall pay to him in the same manner that the salary or wages of his former position were customarily paid to him an annual sum equal in amount to one-half the salary or wages paid to him in the last year of his employment; provided, however that the amount so to be paid to such retired veteran shall not exceed the sum of one thousand dollars per annum."

Cohocton, N. Y., *April* 10, 1920.

Opinion No. 6

Mr. O. T. May, *Adjutant, Post No.* 94, *Geneva, N. Y.:*

Dear Sir and Comrade.— In reply to your letter of inquiry of the 5th inst., to Department Headquarters, which has been sent to me, I have the honor to reply as follows, towit:

To Question No. 1. Can a vacancy caused by the death of the Senior Vice-Commander be filled for the balance of his term by an election had at a regular meeting of the Post without previous notice of such election having been given?

The answer must be in the negative. (Chapter II, Art. VII, Sec. 3 of the Rules and Regulations.)

Question 2. To make a valid election of a Post officer, must the Comrade elected be present?

Answer, No, not if the action is in other respects regular.

Question No. 3 (implied). Can a Post during the year for which he was duly elected and qualified, compel a Comrade to

resign his office of Quartermaster in order to accept the position of Senior Vice-Commander?

Answer, No. Such change cannot be made without his consent.

Very truly yours, in F. C. and I,

CLARENCE W. STANTON,
Judge-Advocate.

INFORMAL OPINION No. 7.
Jurisdiction Matter, Etc.

COHOCTON, N. Y., *April* 10, 1920.

To GEN. JOSEPH E. EWELL, *New York State Department Commander, G. A. R., and to Whomsoever Else Concerned:*

DEAR SIRS AND COMRADES.—In the matter of the complaint made by the members of the delegation from General Barry Post, No. 218, of Bath, N. Y., of not having received their payment from their Post of $5 each, for expenses alleged to have been offered to them by the Post, in attending the Annual Encampment of the Department, at Elmira, in June, 1919.

This matter having been referred to me from Department Headquarters, along with the letter of Comrade John H. Cochrane, Past Commander of Post No. 248, dated the 6th of April, instant, for an opinion, I respectfully state:

First. That the matter in question is one which is not under the jurisdiction of the Department of this State, nor of any of the authorities thereof, but involves questions which are under the control of the Post, only.

Second. As a Comrade and a friend of all members of the G. A. R. I might suggest that, as the Post and its members will have to decide the matter among themselves, the questions raised be brought up for their consideration at some of its regular meetings, and left for the Comrades in F. C. and L. for its just and fair action in the matter. And it would seem that the fraternal sentiments of the whole Post should decide such a question very readily, and especially as if they regard the claim favorably they will no doubt soon have funds with which to reimburse the Delegates, and that, otherwise, the Post can, either at once, or after installing the new officers, allow the same on their subsequent dues, in their discretion.

I make these suggestions upon my own account, and not in any way as an officer of the Department.

Sincerely yours, in F. C. and I,

CLARENCE W. STANTON,

Judge-Advocate.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK — GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Matter of Exemption of Soldiers from Taxation, Etc.

Clarence W. Stanton, Judge-Advocate.

OPINION No. 8.

June 12, 1920.

Question by Comrade J. S. Kelsey, Commander of E. A. Slocum Post, No. 211, Fairport, N. Y.

Will you please inform me in regard to exemption from taxation for soldiers of the Civil War?

Answer. Soldiers who have lost an arm or a leg in the service, or who are unable to perform manual labor by reason of disabilities received, or incurred in the service, are exempt from tax or labor for the removal or prevention or obstruction of highways by snow, etc. (New York Highway Law, section 79), and are also exempt from poll tax. (Village Law, section 103.)

2. Property purchased with the proceeds of pension granted by the United States for military or naval services, and owned and occupied by the pensioner, or by his wife or widow, is exempt from State, county or general municipal taxation, but is taxable for local school purposes and for the construction and maintenance of streets and highways. If the property is purchased partly with pension money then it is thus exempt to the amount of pension money used in making the purchase, and which amount should be deducted from the assessed valuation for general taxation.

Application for the exemption should be made to the assessors, and if no application be made the property shall be subject to taxation for all purposes.

The assessment-roll should state as to whether the property is thus exempt, and if partly exempt it should show the amount of the exemption. (Chapter 60 of the Consolidated Laws, article 1, section 4.)

CLARENCE W. STANTON,

Judge-Advocate.

THE CAMP FIRE

CAMP FIRE
FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.
SYRACUSE, N. Y., JUNE 23, 1920

Meeting called to order in the drill room of the Armory, Syracuse, N. Y., at 8 p. m., by C. D. R. Stowits, Quartermaster-General of the G. A. R.

Massing of the colors.

Singing the Star Spangled Banner.

Invocation by Chaplain-elect, Comrade William E. Kimball.

Chaplain-elect William E. Kimball: Almighty God, Our Heavenly Father, we recognize Thee as the source of wisdom, strength and love. We invoke Thy blessing to rest upon us in this Annual Encampment. Accept our hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and mercy to us in the past, and for Thy favor manifested unto us at this time. Sanctify to our good the memories of the past, and inspire us to the noblest efforts in all our duties that shall come to us. Graciously help and comfort all our Comrades who suffer from the infirmities of age and to all families who mourn the loss of departed ones, give strength and peace.

Bless our government, give strength and wisdom to all entrusted with the administration of public affairs, and the spirit of loyalty and fidelity to all our citizens; cause our beloved country to increase in strength and helpfulness to all peoples, lifting humanity everywhere to higher levels, and conferring favors upon all mankind. Guide us in all our deliberations at this time, and in days to come grant us guidance and strength that we may serve Thee and our country courageously and well until our work is done, and when responding to Thy call, "It is enough. Come up higher," permit us to abide with Thee and the heroes of all ages in our eternal Home, and the praise shall be to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Amen.

CHAIRMAN STOWITS: Senator, Mr. Mayor, Comrades and Guests: I regret to announce that the Commander-in-Chief, Daniel M. Hall, of Columbus, Ohio, is ill, not seriously ill, but his condition is such that he cannot be here with us this evening to deliver his address. We have with us, however, what we call an "Old Timer" in the Grand Army of the Republic, Adjutant-General of the Grand Army of the Republic, Joseph W. O'Neall, who will address you in place of the Commander-in-Chief.

It is my pleasure to introduce to you Adjutant-General Joseph W. O'Neall. (Applause.)

ADJUTANT-GENERAL O'NEALL: Mr. Chairman, Honored Guests, Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, Ladies and Friends: I appear before you tonight in a somewhat embarrassed condition. I cannot represent our Commander-in-Chief, who has traveled more than 19,000 miles in the interests of his Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic.

You do not know Comrade Hall as I do. Enlisting early in the war, at the age of seventeen in the Second Ohio Cavalry, he was discharged soon after for disability, and as soon as he had recovered from his wounds he enlisted again in the Twelfth Ohio Cavalry and served until the close of the war. No soldier in Ohio has a better soldier's record than Comrade Hall.

As to his Grand Army record. He joined a Post in '68. He afterward transferred to Wallace Post, of Columbus, Ohio, and he has never been absent from his Post meetings when in the city of Columbus. He is a real Grand Army man.

Overcome with sorrow because of the death of Commander-in-Chief, Comrade Bell, he entered upon the duties of Commander-in-Chief and has given his whole time to the organization from the time he became Commander-in-Chief until the present, and, as I have said, he has traveled more than 19,000 miles in the interests of his Comrades, and tonight he lies sick in bed. But we hope in a few hours to be on our way back to Columbus, Ohio, where, under the kind administration of his relatives and friends, he will fully recover.

I am glad to look into the faces of my Comrades. I believe in the Grand Army of the Republic with all my heart and with all my soul. I thank God that my heart and vision is big and

broad enough to take in every Comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic. And, I do not stop there. I take in the boys of the Spanish-American War, and I take in the boys of the World War. They are all my Comrades. God bless them, one and all. (Applause.)

You know, like some of my other Comrades here to-night, when the war ended, I thought that my own regiment had put down the Rebellion, and I was not certain that I was not the man myself who was the best man in the company, and I took in the regiment, and then the brigade, and then the division, and then the corps, and my heart expanded again and I took in everybody who took an oath to support the Constitution of the United States of America against its foes, foreign or domestic, and then, to-day, as I say, to repeat, I take in all my Comrades and all the good women of America who assisted in putting down that Rebellion, in crushing Spanish tyranny and in robbing the German Kaiser and his hosts.

As I stand here, I look into the faces of the proudest men on earth, and you have a right to be proud. You saved this country and made it one country with one flag, and I hope that some time soon you will make it one country with one flag and one language. (Applause.)

I am not certain that I agree with my Comrades and my friend, Senator Wadsworth, who sits behind me, on the active deportation of Bolshevists. I think a better thing would be to assign them to a little plot of ground six feet long, two feet wide and six feet deep and hasten them in the direction they ought to be going.

My Comrades, you have a right to be proud. You saved the Union. You made it possible for us to send into Cuba our boys to suppress Spanish tyranny, and but for your services we could not have sent 2,500,000 of our boys across the ocean to fight the Kaiser, defend humanity and wrest civilization from barbarism. (Applause.)

If it was not for you men Democracy would not be the hope of the world over. If it had not been for your victory we would not have had one country and one flag, and we could not have sent our boys across, your sons and my sons; and, thank God, while we may not have won the war on the other side, we did end

it. The American soldiers ended it and proved that the American soldier anywhere and everywhere is a pure American, 100 per cent. pure. (Applause.)

I cannot, as I have said before, speak with the eloquence of my friend and Comrade Hall, the Commander-in-Chief, of whom I am very, very proud, indeed. I realize, and I think you do, that Comrade Hall is not speaking to you. It reminds me of a story that is quite familiar to some of our people in Ohio. There was a fellow who had been calling upon and going with a girl for some fifteen or twenty years. Somebody said to him one day, "Why don't you and Mary get married?" He said, "I can't ask her. I have made up my mind a thousand times how to do it and I go to her and I am determined to do it, but when I get there, I find myself dumb as an oyster." "Well," the friend says, "that is an easy thing. In these days of telephones, why don't you call her up and ask her over the telephone?" "Good idea," he said, "I will do it." He stepped to the telephone and he called Mary and he said, "Mary, will you marry me?" She says, "Yes. Who is talking?" (Laughter.)

Now, I fully realize that it is not the Commander-in-Chief talking here. I realize that my friend Senator Wadsworth is not doing the talking, and I realize that it is not my good friend, Comrade Tanner, to whom I have been listening for many years, and I know that he never failed to make a good speech.

Now, my friends, I must apologize to these gentlemen who are to follow me, and I want to only add this, that I am glad to see so many ladies present. I had the pleasure of visiting the Woman's Relief Corps, the Daughters of Veterans and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. God bless them. I feel sure that you are with us, ladies, and that you are as loyal and true-hearted as we are and that you are teaching our sons the lessons of patriotism and that this country will be safe so long as we have these organizations and these splendid women of America.

I thank you. I bid you good night, as I must go. (Applause.)

Chairman Stowitz: The next number on the program is singing by the Glee Club. Is the Glee Club here?

(No response.)

I am sorry to announce that we will have to omit that number.

The next number on the program is an address by Dr. James R. Day, Chancellor of Syracuse University.

Is Dr. Day in the hall?

(No response.)

I am sorry also to announce that the address will be omitted.

Well, Comrades and Friends, we have at least one good speaker. We have with us the son of a veteran, a worthy son of a worthy sire, a true American, as his every act shows, United States Senator James W. Wadsworth, Jr. (Applause.)

UNITED STATES SENATOR JAMES W. WADSWORTH: Mr. Chairman, Brother Tanner, Veterans, Members of the G. A. R., of the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R. and other allied organizations: The program seems suddenly to have been shortened. I remember in a political campaign about four years ago, down in New Jersey, I was put up on the platform to talk until the real candidate arrived. I talked two hours and three-quarters before he came. But, don't fear, I shall not attempt any such thing this evening.

I do wish that Chancellor Day were here, as I would like to hear him and get inspiration from him, just as I know you would.

Occasions of this kind, my friends, are very inspiring to me. I think that I am justified in saying that I have been brought up in a tradition that teaches something of what the men of '61 did. Thousands and thousands of young men and boys in this country have been brought up in the same tradition, and thousands and thousands of them will never forget it. I know I shall never forget it.

When I was just about old enough to read a book to understand it at all, my father summoned me unto him and said to me, "I have got something for you to read. Do you think you can read a book consecutively?" I said, "I will try." He said, "Here it is. It is The Boys of '61. I want you to read that book through, and if you do not understand certain things in it, come to me and I will tell you about them, because it teaches the story of what happened in those fateful days from 1861 to 1865. It tells the story of how this country was saved and made it possible for you"—he was addressing me—"made it possible for you to grow up and to be a self-respecting American citizen and proud of one great, big country."

I think that same author wrote some subsequent volumes. One of them was, I think, "Marching to Victory" and another one, "Freedom Triumphant," and they were almost a Bible in my family, and they still are, because I have got two coming along, and I am teaching them the same thing. (Applause.)

It is very fitting that this Camp Fire shall be held in this armory, for inside these walls and underneath this roof were trained the splendid young men who went to France, who carried themselves as American soldiers have always carried themselves. (Applause.) They drilled right here on this very floor.

It is especially fitting that you should have this Camp Fire here in this armory, with the Mayor of Syracuse sitting on the platform, for he was the captain of the company that trained those boys. (Applause.) Those things mean a good deal to a community. I know it means a good deal to Syracuse. I know that institutions of this kind here and elsewhere in the State of New York mean a great deal to those other communities. The men who went through the four years of the great contest know what war is. They saw enough of it to know what it means, and it would ill become me to attempt to recite their experience, or the experiences of any man in war.

There are some things, however, which we derive from experiences in war, which in spite of the frightful price which is paid — no man wants war — but which in spite of the frightful price that is paid, one is almost tempted to think are worth the price. I stood on the streets in New York when the Twenty-seventh Division came home. I stood on the streets in Buffalo when two regiments of that division reached that town and marched up the main street. I saw the boys from my own little home town, Geneseo, come home; and the inspiration of it all, after one drowned one's sorrows for the gaps in the ranks, just as the people in the spring of '65 drowned their sorrows for the gaps in your ranks — the inspiration that comes to one who witnesses a thing of that sort is the evident self-respect and quiet confident strength reflected in the countenances of the men. Glance along the ranks of the returning troops. Watch their easy swing. Watch that air of the veteran soldier, and all you men know just what I mean by it. Observe the look

in the faces of the men, and every American who looks upon a sight of that sort is proud of such a sight and realizes that, whereas those soldiers went out as boys, they came back as men.

It is that kind of material that is going to save this country, not only in war, but also in the problems of peace and, incidentally, my friends, I think this country is better prepared for peace than it was for the last war. (Applause.)

I do not have to describe to the gathering sitting before me here this evening the necessity for the preparation of the soul of the people, or the material preparation of the people to defend itself. It so happens that we have gone into all of our wars unprepared. This last war, however, was the first war into which we went comparatively unprepared against an enemy that was thoroughly prepared. I hope we will never get caught that way again. (Applause.) For, in addition to the waste of life — there is no doubt about it — it has left this great country of ours with a debt of twenty-five billions of dollars, and a total expenditure of thirty-six billions of dollars, all in eighteen months' time; and when one compares that staggering sum to the amount left as a debt at the end of the Civil War, which, as my recollection serves me, was only six billions of dollars as a national debt, one realizes the fearful cost of a national effort such as the one we have just gone through.

The strain which the country suffered during the great Civil War was the greatest we had ever encountered. We were only about thirty millions of people at that time, even including the Southern Confederacy, and yet something like two million of men, at one time or another, served in the Union armies, and the war lasted four long, weary years, and it was the stability of the American citizen of that day and the stability of these men who are sitting here in front of this platform that made it possible to stand such a long and fearful strain.

When it was over and the problems of peace came, these soldiers did not stop their efforts in behalf of their country. It was suspected by many that when that great army was demobilized that there would be trouble in the United States, but there was none; because, it was an army of citizen soldiers. And, let us never forget, my friends, that whenever any great war has

overtaken the United States, whenever the United States has been compelled to defend itself, it is a citizen-soldier that must bear the brunt of the fighting. (Applause.)

And you, citizen soldiers, you did not stop and loaf and loiter about in '65, '66 and '67. You went to work, built up your communities from which you came to even greater dimensions and built larger and newer communities farther and farther west. The self-respecting citizen-soldier of the Civil War, for two generations, has been the backbone of the citizenship of the United States; and I believe that for the next two generations the self-respecting citizen soldiers of the World War are to be an equally good exhibition. (Applause.)

They will have their problems to face and their battles to fight in civic life, just as you have yours, and you are going to look at them, and you are going to observe them with pride and with affection, and they are going to be inspired in all their efforts, from now on, by the example that you set more than fifty years ago.

I could not help experiencing a good deal of a thrill when these colors were massed in front of this platform tonight. By Heavens, that is a beautiful flag. (Applause.) And, you cannot wave it too often or too long in the United States. (Applause.)

Some people may say that I and others are old-fashioned, when we lay emphasis upon pure Americanism and pure patriotism, but I would rather be old-fashioned than to fail one iota in my devotion, or have any one else fail one iota in their devotion to the flag and all that it means in this country. (Applause.)

The veteran from Ohio who spoke to you a few moments ago, said something to the effect that we should have but one flag and but one language. (Applause.) That is a pretty good idea in these disturbed times, because, not only is there more than one language, but there is too much language. (Laughter and applause.) And, by Jove, the times are ripe and what is needed in this country and other parts of the world are deeds more than words. (Applause.)

What is needed in this country is a rededication of the American spirit to a devotion to the Constitution of the United States. (Applause.) Sometimes I think we have been a little lax about that matter. Prior to our entrance into the great World War, we all got along pretty easily here. We were intent upon our own business, each and every one of us mostly; intent upon developing the resources of this nation; building up our communities and our cities; building and stretching our railroads across the continent, from sea to sea; developing the mines and the forests and the agricultural lands; and I fear that we fell into the habit of thinking that all our blessings as a free people came to us as a matter of course. We came to view them as a matter of fact, just an ordinary condition which existed just because it existed. We forgot something of the sacrifice in blood and treasure that was poured out in order to make this country one which should become the refuge of the oppressed of all mankind.

We did not teach enough in our schools — to be perfectly frank about it, we did not teach enough in our schools about the meaning of American liberty under the law. (Applause.) We have not taught the young people as they have grown up sufficiently about the meaning of the Constitution of the United States. (Applause.) And we have upon many and many an occasion, and in many and many a community, neglected to teach the newcomers, who have come to us by the millions, literally, during the last thirty or forty years, and they are good people,—but we have neglected to teach them why it is that this is a free country and remains so; and it is not surprising, therefore, that in these troubled times we hear discordant notes here and there, not necessarily from vicious people, but from people who have not been taught; and, it is our business, my friends, to teach, and no one else's business to teach. It is ours.

We who boast that we understand, and I think we do understand why we are here, should teach, and the fortunate thing about it is that there is nothing mysterious about American liberty. There is nothing strange or complicated about it. Those inspired men who wrote the Constitution and adopted it away back in 1787 were the best students of human nature who ever sat down around any one table. They had studied the history of all the

efforts at self-government that the people of the world had ever attempted. They studied and knew the history of Greece, Ancient Rome, the Dutch Republic and the various nations of Europe and the ancient nations bordering upon the Mediterranean. They saw that every one of them had perished. Some had risen and glittered with glory and had emblazoned upon their banners the words "Human Liberty," but there was something wrong about the system upon which they founded it; and the fathers of our country hit upon the error which had been committed by every other people that ever attempted to govern themselves under a Democratic form of government, and so they wrote into the Constitution of the United States and into the Bill of Rights that simple doctrine which is, in effect, simply this, that no nation can remain free under a democratic form of government unless each and every individual in the nation is guaranteed in his rights against any knd of tyranny, even though it be the tyranny of a momentary majority. (Applause.)

They saw that, in studying the histories of peoples and governments, that the human race had fallen down in its efforts to govern itself under a democratic form of government because it had not protected itself against the whim of a passionate and violent majority. (Applause.) And, under our form of government, for the first time in the history of governments, the minority, the individual, no matter how humble he is, no matter how poor and lowly, is protected in his rights against all his neighbors, who may, from time to time, in a flood of passion seek to rob him of his rights; and we set up the courts of the United States to see to it that the people themselves should keep the pledge they made to each other in 1787, and we have lived under that theory of government ever since, and it is why we are here today.

It is the simplest thing on earth, and yet lots of people forget it every year. Sometimes you hear people suggest and contend and claim that there should be no limit to the power of the majority; that majority shall always rule; and if the majority wants to take property away from John Smith, the majority has the right to take that property away from John Smith. But, my friends, if the majority can take the property owned and earned by John Smith away from him, it can take it away from Paul Jones; it can take it away from Richard Roe; it can take it away from John Doe, and it can take it away from each and every man, one after another down the line, and liberty is gone, and no man and

no woman would be safe in his or her home; and in these disturbed times, when there is discontent and unrest evident all over the world, probably largely as a reaction from the fearful strain of the World War, when millions of people have suffered horribly and the land has been drenched with misery, people have been thrown off their balance and are groping half blinded, looking for relief,—in these disturbed times, my friends, let us, Americans, remember why we are here, and let us decide to stay here on the same old stand. (Applause.)

And, no men are better fitted to guide this nation than the men who have defended it in war. No men have guided a nation better than the men of '61 to '65 have guided this nation for fifty to sixty years after the close of the Civil War. No men are better fitted to guide a nation than the men who went through the fiery furnace of this last war and came out of it with what I referred to a moment ago as that quiet self-respect, that feeling of confidence in their strength.

And they are not boasting about it. It is astonishing how little boasting you hear from veteran soldiers. Yet you can see the signs of strength, and we need strength in this country in our civic and political pursuits at this very hour.

There are too many people who want to work less and get more. There are too many people captivated by that old desire to get something for nothing. It is a quaint idea which has lived down through the ages, but it never works. No nation will ever get anywhere without work, any more than a man will get anywhere without working; and we are going to be faced with some difficult economic problems, mighty difficult ones. We have got to keep our heads on our shoulders. We have got to keep our heads on our shoulders when people come along and suggest that we change the form of our government, not that we do it in one fell swoop, but that we do it step by step in an inevitable disintegration. I confess I get disturbed sometimes when I read and hear some of the suggestions that are being put out in this country, seriously, suggestions which, if carried into effect, would rob the communities, slowly, but surely, of their sense of responsibility. They would take away from the people in their towns and counties and cities the very right of home rule, tendencies which, if allowed to go unchecked, will center everything at Washington and build up a great, centralized bureaucracy at Washington.

Do you know that there are a hundred thousand government employees in the city of Washington now? The Government is growing and growing and growing, and reaching out and reaching out and reaching out; most of it done with the best of intent; most of it done while most of us are not looking; most of it done for the purpose of accomplishing good and much of it does do good; but the thing I fear and that other people fear is that we are getting into the habit of leaning upon Washington for everything, and in so doing we will forget how to do things for ourselves in our home community.

The one reason why America has prospered is that Americans have known how to do things for themselves in their own homes, and if there is anything valuable in the American spirit and the American tradition, it is that initiative and that enterprise which has characterized American citizenship down through all these years.

My friends, I would always be willing to give up a certain degree of alleged government efficiency in order to preserve the independent citizen. (Applause.) There is such a thing as too much leaning upon government which is remote and far away. There is such a thing as too much paternalism. I know it appeals to many people as a most excellent thing to let the government do it, as the slang goes, "Let George do it." It is the easiest way for the time being, but the people that fall into that habit of thought finally cease being the master of its government and becomes the dependent of its government, and all that we have to do to learn and understand a lesson about a people becoming the dependent of a centralized government is to look at the recent history of the German Empire. Seventy millions of people taught, drilled, coached, commanded from a central government; told what to do, how to do it; guided year after year for forty or fifty years; protected, it is true, by that central government; coddled and petted, it is true, by that central government; lulled to sleep under the protecting wing of a central government, until they had become the dependents of their government rather than the masters of their government, and on August 1, 1914, the government had become such a master of seventy millions of people in Central Europe, that those seventy millions of people went wherever the government commanded and did anything and everything that the

government told them to do, and look at the result, ruin to a people.

Let us not Prussianize the United States. Let us hang on to some of the old-fashioned, independent ideas which existed and do still exist in our communities. (Applause.) So that, perhaps, in spite of not being able to boast of that efficiency which the German Government boasted of, in spite of that, we will be self-respecting and independent citizens, and this republic will never perish while its citizenship is self-respecting and independent, each man and each woman.

Oh, what a lesson we learn from all these blessings. Oh, what a lesson we learn from the turmoil which is going on in the world to-night, this very night. What a lesson we learn from this last war, just as we learn lessons from the great war in which you fought. Yes, and the American soldier has a knack of learning lessons and also preserving his sense of humor while he learns them.

It is a curious thing, the psychology of the American soldier. He always has a cheerful smile, even when the times are horrible. I cannot resist relating an incident that was told to me in France when I was visiting the A. E. F., just about that time the Armistice was signed, of the colored artilleryman, a darky soldier in a battery of artillery. An officer came along and saw this colored soldier leaning on the tail piece, or the trail of the gun, and he stopped and told him to get up and stand at attention, and he did, and he said, "What is your name?" "Sam Johnson, Sir." "Well, what is your job in this battery?" "Why," he says, "Captain, I'se the doorkeeper?" "Doorkeeper? What do you mean by doorkeeper?" "Well, you see, it is just this way, this way here, Captain, you see right here, at the rear end of the gun is this little door. I turns this crank and I opens the door to the back end of the gun and then another darky fellow, he hands me great, big cartridge, and another fellow, he, he puts the cartridge in the back end of the gun, and I closes the little door." "Then, what do you do?" "Then, another fellow, he comes along and he pulls a little trigger, and, boom, off she goes." The Captain says, "Yes, and then what do you do?" "Well, Sir, I stands here, this way, and I says, 'Kaiser, count your men.'" (Applause and laughter.)

So, a soldier, whether he be black or white, who can remember the light side of things under strenuous circumstances, is the kind of man who goes through, and our men went through, and they have come home, just as you came home in 1865, and they are going to be the same kind of men that you were for the next fifty years. Think of it. It is a long time. The fate of this country is going to be decided in these next fifty years, but it is going to be decided right, because the soldiers of America are going to decide it. (Applause.)

Chiarman Stowits: Comrades: Honestly, it is inspiring to hear an address like that. It is worth coming to Syracuse for, and I wish we could have more just such addresses.

Now, we have changed our program some, by asking that patriotic man, that War Horse of the Grand Army of the Republic, the old silver-tongued orator, the comrade that we all love so dearly and who has for so many years addressed you, and you never tire,—I have the great pleasure of presenting to you our distinguished and beloved Comrade, Corporal James Tanner. (Applause.)

Corporal James Tanner: Mr. Chairman, Senator Wadsworth, Friends, All: I am not on my feet to-night for a very long time, and I am not going to waste any time in reminding any of you fellows how old you are. You have wasted too much of my time since I have been in Syracuse on this occasion telling me that fact. The thought I have is that you ought to be thankful that God has left you alone on earth as long as he has. But, don't make any mistake, you won't be overlooked. You will go when your time comes, whether you like it or not. For myself, I am frank to say that I am pretty well satisfied with this old earth of ours, even if my locomotion is a little difficult, except when I come to try to get on a high platform where there has been great economy in lumber exercised and steps built for individuals who must be pigeon-toed; hardly enough lumber in them to enable a fellow to set a foot on.

I don't know whether you have been surprised at it or not, but I am full of hope, hope for things on this earth. Now, as I have told you, some of you boys to-day, I believe all that the good men who talk from the pulpit tell us about the beauties of the New

Jerusalem, the streets of gold and the walls of jasper and the gates of pearl. I hope that in the volumes of God's forgiveness I may enjoy it some day, but I am in no more of a hurry to get over there and tread those streets of gold than any minister of the Gospel that I have ever met. I have met a good many of them in my lifetime and I never yet met one who was in a hurry to get away from here and over there.

There are some who are traveling along here in this world and they seem to enjoy it and they seem to feel immensely proud of the fact, who have lived beyond the Scriptural limit of three score and ten, and are living on what the good people term "borrowed time." They can justly feel proud of the fact, because they have lived long enough and done enough to make the world their debtors for all time, until God calls the roll of the Grand Encampment of all.

Comrades, I am a good deal of an optomist. I recognize the danger that the Senator has so well and so eloquently portrayed to you, involved in the possibilities of the future, but I do not lay awake at nights worrying over it. There are some gentlemen who do not agree with us in much of anything who have a right to worry more about what will happen to them if they don't stop their cohabitation with the Devil and the forces that reign in Hell and behave themselves. There will be trouble for them, and it may easily end, as Adjutant-General O'Neall intimated, in their taking possession of a small piece of real estate. (Laughter and applause.)

We are here in attendance at the Fifty-fourth Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic of the Department of New York. How the years have crept along. I think I have attended about forty-eight of those encampments. We are going to meet on the 19th of September, if we are alive, in Indianapolis for our National Encampment, and if I live to say "Here" at that encampment, I will have answered for the forty-fifth year without a break. (Applause.) And I hope to add about fourteen to it, and that will only bring me up to about ninety. I suppose I shall miss lots of you fellows, and when Old Charon lands me on the far side of the River Styx, I hope you will be on the shore to welcome me with lots of other good fellows.

I have unbounded hope for the perpetuity of the American Nation and its institutions. We did it and we made it possible for the people to rank themselves as citizens of the United States of America, as the speakers have told you here to-night. We did more than that. When we shot secession to death at Appomattox we shot the South ahead one hundred years in material prosperity beyond what it would have been had the conditions which existed in the decade from 1850 to 1860 existed, or continued up to the present. (Applause.)

A representative in Congress from South Carolina introduced a bill in the House of Representatives providing for putting all surviving Confederate veterans and the widows of the dead ones on the pension list. I am in favor of their being pensioned — by the states that seceded. (Applause.) I thought you would swallow that when I gave you the whole dose.

Now, there are some facts to be considered. I have said what I am about to say in a good many communities and in the presence of a good many of you in the years that have past. I have said it before great audiences in Richmond, in New Orleans, in Dallas and other places in the South, that if the boys of the South had been born and brought up under the influences that we were born and brought up under, they would have worn the blue instead of the gray, and Grant and Sherman and Sheridan would have been the heroes that would have been acclaimed; and it is just as true of you. If you had been born and brought up in the South, under Southern influences, taught to believe in the doctrine of State rights and the right of secession, as you believed in your mother's God, ninety-nine out of every hundred of us would have worn the gray and been following Lee and Jackson. Politics and religion are largely the result of affiliation.

Now, those states passed the Ordinance of Secession. They called upon their manhood to sustain that action upon the field of battle and their manhood responded in splendid form, and you and I who wear the button know better than the citizenship can ever know, that there never were better soldiers trained or who trod the battlefields than the men in gray who confronted us.

So, I agree with the gentleman from South Carolina. Pension them, but let the South out of its wealth give them money enough, that their declining years may be passed in comfort. I have been in their Soldiers' Homes down there repeatedly, through the South. They are bad. They are desolate, and it is a shame for the South.

We up here in the North rejoice in the valor the sons of the South have displayed, together with the sons of the North on the fields of battle that came to us in the Spanish War and in the recent World War. We are glad that the humanity and the unanimity of America, whether from New York, or Mississippi, Virginia or Vermont, has stood in one line, under one flag, standing for American manhood and honor and the supremacy of the United States. (Applause.)

That is what I fought for, and I thank God that he has given me years enough so that I have been able to see it with these mortal eyes. We are enjoying that for which we fought in a greater degree than ever before, and that for which we fought was liberty, and not license. It should be borne in mind and emphasized that the law that we imperiled our lives to maintain must be maintained for all time to come. The boys who have come along in the years which have passed since the close of the Civil War are just as capable of maintaining it as we were of maintaining it from '61 to '65 when so many of us were killed; and I have no fear but what they will attend to these matters in the future.

I think there is a mighty serious condition of affairs coming along in a sort of an undercurrent in the United States. The I. W. W.'s, the I Wont Work Workers, the Bolshevists, the Soviet — they have got to go down and go under, or this government is imperiled; and if it leads to firing parties over treasonable souls and the hurtling of them into eternity, it will be economy of blood to give them that dose. They ought to have it.

We all rejoice in the glory of the boys who carried to foreign soil the American flag and who, through their vigor and their valor, sent the hosts of the Kaiser and his aims and ambitions to ruin. We honor them beyond power of speech, but I have

a little bit of a growl on my stomach and I am going to get rid of it by pouring it out on you. I would have this government pour out billions, if necessary, for the betterment of the condition of the men who came back broken in body, or in health, or in mind. I would have the government pour out money in unlimited quantities for the benefit of the families of those who did not come back. But, I would stop there. In other words, I am not in favor, considering the present condition of the government and its finances, of adding some four billions in money to our indebtedness to pay bonuses to the men who served and came back all right. (Applause.)

I say, for God's sake, let us leave something to the credit of patriotism and duty. (Applause.)

I know, and you know, that many of the boys went over and came back all right. Those who came back all right, and many of them are within the circle of my acquaintance, do not want it. So, let us economize a little where we can. I think that lots of them came back in better physical condition than they were when they went away. That does not surprise us. That was the experience of a great many men in the Civil War who went away delicate and came back vigorous and strong and went along for many years to come.

Well, Old Comrades, you have had a mighty pleasant time of it here today. I don't know as I have ever found you in a more beatific mood. I have prayed for you for many years. This Encampment, it is true, lacks a little of the vigorous interest we take when there is a healthy scrap on, but I tell you, Senator Wadsworth and visiting friends here, that you see the Grand Army of the Department of New York tonight when it is in a condition almost ready to tie on wings and float away. I never saw them so brotherly. I never saw them so much disposed to pay attention to the ladies and to bestow upon them such kind and loving words. It is beautiful to see and it is chiefly accounted for by the fact that they appreciate, Senator, as we all do, that woman today stands nearer the full fruition of her rights as a human being than she ever did before. (Applause.)

I am reminded of a little incident in my very early life, so early that while I am past seventy-six now, it occurred when I was twelve, and that was during the campaign when James Buchanan was running for President and was elected. My father was an old time Jacksonian Democrat and his eyesight was very poor, and I had to read a great deal for him and so we talked a great deal about elections and politics in general. Out of my busy curiosity, I said to him one day, "Father, how is it that the men do all the voting and the women do not? Where did the men get the right to do it all?" The answer came, not from my father, but from my mother, "Don't ask your father a question which no man on earth can answer. They never had the right. They just took it."

Now, some of you may see in my telling the story sort of a reflection upon the Senator, but that is not so, and that was not the intent. The Senator, however, has seen the light and in representing the sentiment of the State of New York, he is for Woman Suffrage now, and I congratulate him on it. The Senator is a progressive young man, and we expect even larger things from him.

The Chairman did not mention the fact, perhaps it was not necessary, but as the Senator stood before us tonight, some of us who served could easily imagine that there was a certain halo surrounded him as he stood upon this platform, for a good many of us saw that grand old patriotic figure, that grandsire of yours, Senator, who went to his death in front of the enemy's cannons on the battlefields of the Union and left you, Sir, a record of extreme devotion, even to the giving of life, that you have got to travel far and high to equal in your experiences in the public affairs of this nation. But, rest assured, Sir, that if these old Boys and these ladies knew nothing about you, personally, that heritage would be enough for them to carry you tenderly and generously in their hearts, and cause them to assure you of their hearty wishes for God's choicest blessings on your head, and that we can say to you in memory of General James W. Wadsworth of old. (Applause.)

And so we are happy, if we do linger long. Some of these fellows are so deaf that they can hardly hear a story that they

would like to hear perfectly if it could only be told louder, but they have to forego that. Some of them, as you can easily see, have great antipathy toward wearing wigs, no matter what the necessity may be. But, they have marched fifty-five years since the bugle sounded last at Appomattox and the battle flags were furled and the drums ceased to beat the charge.

For ourselves, we are to be congratulated that we have been privileged to live as long as we have, and we are thankful for the ladies who have taught us through the years of our lives. We are favored beyond measure in the fact that this favor has been shown to us and that we have not been obliged to wait until the Gates of Pearls opened to our spiritualized beings to look upon God's angels. We have had those angels around us here on earth, caring for us, ministering to our comforts and aiding us in distress. So, we have been superlatively blessed.

And now, when we are almost all of us back numbers, when the past is eclipsed and the future overwhelms us, we have this satisfaction, that we can go to our long rest feeling that we have been greatly privileged to witness the blessings that have come upon this land of ours, the power that has come to it, its ability to stand for the right against the world in arms, a power that will be exercised whenever it is necessary for your Uncle Sam to speak in thunder tones to the monarchial governments of the Old World and tell them to behave themselves, for we stand as the protectors of the rights of men. I thank you.

(Applause.)

Chairman Stowits.— Now, my friends, we have with us upon the platform tonight the Mayor of Syracuse, and as Chairman of this Camp Fire, I move that the thanks of the entire audience be given to the City of Syracuse for their entertainment of the Grand Army of the Republic in this, its fifty-fourth encampment. All in favor will manifest by saying "Aye," contrary, "No." The motion has been carried unanimously, Mr. Mayor.

Now, I have the extreme pleasure of introducing to you the Mayor, Harry H. Farmer.

(Applause.)

HONORABLE HARRY H. FARMER.— Mr. Chairman, Honored Guests and Comrades: This is rather unexpected. I feel a good deal as the young fellow did who was sitting on the bench on the beach at Atlantic City with his best girl. He was sort of bashful and he sat sort of this way on the other side of the bench and kept edging along, because the girl was not so bashful. Finally, she says, "Kiss me, George." And just as he opened his mouth to reply, a gust of wind blew some sand in his mouth and he says, "I can't. I have got sand in my mouth.' She replied, "Swallow it. You need it in your system." (Laughter.)

Now, this is the time I lack sand. You know, I made my speech this morning, and after this mass of eloquence that you have enjoyed this evening, it would only be a bore to you for me to talk. I remember another story, however, that Corporal Tanner told when I was a boy, and it made a great impression upon me. He did not tell it to you tonight, but he has given you the same sentiments which he illustrated with that story, that the bitterness between the North and South had ceased. He said, "If I could find the Rebel who pulled the hammer of the gun that made me a cripple for life, I would say to him, 'Put it there, Johnnie Reb; let us talk over old times.'"

You boys fought against the South. I fought with the South. The Second Army Corps, of which I was a member, was made up of the Twenty-seventh and the Thirtieth Divisions. The Thirtieth Division was made up of boys from North and South Carolina and Tennessee and I never saw better soldiers. You know how it is. When you looked around on your flank and you had the Old Thirtieth, you knew you were safe. You knew that the Boche were not coming around that flank; and I feel towards them as I do towards the boys of our own division from New York.

I remember that I was going back in an ambulance when they stuck in an officer on the other side and we got to talking, and he turned out to be a lieutenant, Jim Swain, from Spartansburg, South Carolina, the very little town in which we were trained. He was in command of that company there. I had never seen him before. But, I hope to see him again. The Thirtieth Division was on our right when we went through

the Hindenburg line on the 29th day of September; and I might say in passing that the Hindenburg line was pierced for the first time in the British sector by the Second Army Corps of the Twenty-seventh and Thirtieth divisions. Three British divisions had tried it and had been cut to pieces. The canal ran under a tunnel there, three kilos, a mile and a half, and yet even with that, it was the weakest part of the line, because they had made it artificially almost impregnable. After we got across that line and smashed them up, then we chased them and we kept them going until we caught them at the river, where we went over again.

The Senator has reminded me of a darkey story, which, with your permission, I am going to tell. Down in Spartansburg, South Carolina, I happened to pass a shack and I heard a discussion inside. It was quite exciting and I paused to listen. It seemed there were three darkey ladies and they were telling what they had done for their country, and one of them says, "Why, I have done all I can for my country. My brother, he is over there doing his bit." Another one said, "Oh, you child, that is nothing. My brother and my husband is over there doing their bit for their country." And another spoke up and she says, "Why, you niggers, you ain't in it. My three husbands are over there working for their country, and if the fourth one don't mend his ways, he will be over there, too."

And in that same country they sent down the Fifteenth New York Colored Infantry and they were going through this training period. The Captain had put on one of the companies all the heavy equipment, two blankets, army rations, extra pair of shoes, and so forth, and had marched them out ten miles. Of course, they had to march ten miles back again. Thinking to test the men, he said, "Now, all you men who are satisfied with this day's work and don't want to march any further, step forward two paces." One big nigger in the rear rank did not stir. "Well," Captain said, "Jackson, what is the matter with you? Do you want to take another march?" "No, sir, no, sir, Captain, perfectly satisfied; perfectly satisfied, sir." The Captain said, "Well, why didn't you step forward two paces?" The reply came back, "Captain, I am just too tired to take those two extra paces." (Laughter.)

Members of the Grand Army of the Republic and Its Allied Associations, I hope you have all had a good time in Syracuse. I see it is a little more moist to-night than it was during the day, but you won't need an umbrella. I hope you will want to come again. I hope you will all have an opportunity to come again, and that some other good Mayor of the City will still have the privilege of welcoming another encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. I thank you. (Applause.)

CHAIRMAN STOWITS: May I ask the Retiring Department Commander, Comrade Ewell, to speak to us for a few minutes?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER JOSEPH T. EWELL: Mr. Chairman and Comrades, Ladies and Gentlemen: At this late hour I can detain you but a moment. We, old Boys, and these young girls and boys, are a good deal like other people after all. We can stand a whole lot of commendation, and when it comes to taffy, it is surprising how much we can endure, as Comrade Tanner has said, we prefer it while we are alive and can enjoy it and he is reported to have added that he would rather have an ounce of taffy than a ton of epitaphy. (Laughter.)

The Boys of '61 to '65, blazed the trail and marked the way for those who came after them and their successors have followed well. The Spanish-American War Boys have done their share. They have a short trail, and not a very wide one, but it was all there was, and it wasn't their fault that it was not larger and longer. They did their duty in true American fashion.

Then, the World War Boys came. They had, not a very long trail, but it was a wide one. It reminds me of what Chauncey M. Depew once said when a president of a road four miles long wanted to exchange passes with him as the representative of a great railroad, thousands of miles in length. "Why," he says, "That is absurd. Your road is only four miles long." "Well," he says, "I will have you to understand that my road may not be as long as yours, but it is just as wide." So, the Boys on the other side, though they did not have as long a trail as the Boys of '61, they certainly had a wide one, and it was long enough to enable them to perform the grandest military feat in history, excepting only from '61 to '65. They smashed the supposed impregnable Hindenburg Line and that was glory enough for one war.

I am reminded of a story which grew out of the drive on the Hindenburg Line. When the line was being broken and the Huns thrown back, there was a demoralized and disgruntled Hun Colonel among a lot of prisoners brought in. One of the Doughboys said to him, "Why, what is the matter with you fellows?" "What is the matter?" he said, "This is what is the matter. We had a perfectly impregnable line, a perfectly impregnable line, and you Yanks didn't know it."

There was another story which grew out of the drive on the English end of the line and about the same time. A lot of the Huns were brought in, and one of the Tommies said to a Colonel, "Say, is Gott mit uns yet?" The Hun officer replied, "Yes, Gott is mit uns, but you had the Yanks." (Applause.)

Now, in the fraternity of the G. A. R., we are all equal. It is a very democratic organization. We are all comrades alike, and you know in our books it says that the disparity of rank should be laid aside, and that we should look upon all as Comrades, yet sometimes certain persons will make distinctions. It reminds me of a story I heard of a man who, shortly after the close of the Civil War, was touring the Great Agricultural District of the Central West; he reined up to the side of the fence to talk with a farmer overlooking the work in his fields; of course, they talked about the war. They didn't talk about much else at that time, and the farmer said, "My men were all soldiers in the war." The traveler asked what kind of men are they? The farmer replied, "That one pitching hay on that hay rig is first-class, first-class, A No. 1. He was a private. The next one up on the right there, loading hay, was a corporal." "How is he?" the traveler asked. "He, is good too, first-class," was the reply. "What is that man over there on the other side of the fence; mowing?" "Why, he was a major." "How is he?" "Well, he is about so-so." "What is that man, the next one beyond, the one who is helping?" "That was a Colonel." "What kind of a man is he?" "Well, now, stranger, I don't want to say anything against anybody that ever fought in the Civil War on the Union side, but I say to you right here now that I ain't never going to hire any Brigadier General." (Applause.)

Comrades and guests, I will not take up your time further and will only add that the Grand Army of the Republic is still doing business at the old stand, and is still worshipping at the shrine of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, which is the inspiration that governs all our activities. (Applause.)

CHAIRMAN STOWITS: The Camp Fire will close with benediction by the retiring Chaplain.

CHAPLAIN D. P. LAPPEUS: May the Grace, the Power, and the Blessing of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit abide with you all, forevermore. Amen.

In Memoriam

JOHN H. BARNARD

We sorrowfully announce the death of Comrade John H. Barnard, which occurred at his residence in Washington, D. C., August 31, 1919. Comrade Barnard was born at Lee, Oneida county, N. Y., eighty-five years ago. His grandfather was a Captain in the Revolutionary War. He was educated at Cortland Academy, and in 1855 joined the Oneida Conference, and entered the sacred duties of the Christian ministry, in which he was engaged until he entered the army. He recruited Co. F for the 76th Regiment, N. Y. Volunteers, early in 1861, and was elected Captain of the company. He participated in the battles of Rappahannock Station, Sulphur Springs, Gainesville and Bull Run, and was brevetted Major for gallantry in the latter battle. He was Chaplain of this Department during the years 1877–78–79–80. For the past twenty-one years he has held a position in the Pension Bureau at Washington, D. C. His burial was in the National Cemetery at Arlington. He joined the Grand Army of the Republic in 1868. As a citizen, as a soldier and as a Grand Army Comrade he was honored and respected by all who knew him.

JOHN C. SHOTTS

With deep regret we are called upon to announce the death of Past Department Commander John C. Shotts, who was summoned at his home in Yonkers, Westchester county, N. Y., August 26, 1919. Comrade Shotts was born August 11, 1844, at West Farms, N. Y. He enlisted April 16, 1861, for two years, in Co. A, 17th N. Y. Volunteer Infantry, which served in Gen. Daniel Butterfield's Brigade, 5th Army Corps, Army of the Potomac. He was discharged June 2, 1863, at New York City. He was in the siege of Yorktown, and engaged in the battles of Mechanicsville, Hanover Court House, Cold Harbor, White House Junction, Second Bull Run, Antietam, Shepardstown, Fredericksburg, Richard's Forks, Chancellorsville and United States Ford. He was a member of Kitching Post No. 60,

Department of New York, G. A. R., and was elected Department Commander February 22, 1894, and served until May 6, 1895; during this period he traveled over 22,000 miles, visiting many Posts throughout the State, and attending many Grand Army gatherings. He was a prominent and commanding figure in public affairs, and held many positions of honor and trust. He was a member of the Yonkers Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument Commission, which erected the handsome monument in Manor Park, Yonkers, dedicated September 17, 1891. After the war he engaged in the mercantile business at Yonkers, from which he retired ten years ago. In his death the community and the Grand Army of the Republic have suffered an irreparable loss, and his memory will long be treasured by those who knew him.

Department Inspector Thomas J. McConekey, of Post 499, attended the funeral of Comrade Shotts as representative of the Grand Army of the Republic.

JAMES D. BELL

Comrade James D. Bell, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, was called by death at his home in Brooklyn, on the first day of November, 1919. The tidings of this sad event, as they were flashed throughout the country, were received with universal sorrow and regret.

Comrade Bell achieved distinction and great honors as a soldier, a civilian and a Grand Army Comrade, and measured up to the highest standards in the many lines of activities in which he was engaged during a long, busy and active life.

At the age of sixteen, on October 1, 1861, he enlisted in Troop B, of the 1st New York Mounted Rifles, and after nearly four years' service was mustered out June 26, 1865. He was wounded in battle November 14, 1862, and for a period experienced the inhospitalities of a Rebel prison. For nearly fifty years he was a resident of Brooklyn and became known as one of the foremost citizens of that great city. He took up law for his life work and soon he gained great prominence in his chosen profession. For ten years he was Corporation Council of the Borough

of Brooklyn; for four years he was President of the Brooklyn Bar Association and for two years he was Vice-President of the State Bar Association. He was United States District Attorney for the Eastern District of New York at the time of his death. Outside of his profession he was called to many positions of high honor and responsibility, indicating great confidence and respect on the part of his fellow citizens.

Comrade Bell was for many years Judge Advocate of the Department of New York G. A. R., and rendered signal service by preparing a digest of all important decisions of the National Judge Advocate, and by compiling all New York State Laws touching veterans' interests, both of which have been published in the proceedings of the State Encampment.

The Grand Army of the Republic has been great and strong not only by reason of the sentiment it represents, but because of the high grade personality in its membership.

Comrade Bell was a bright and shining light in this regard, and he will long be gratefully and admiringly remembered by his Comrades and by the public generally.

EDWARD J. ATKINSON

That death loves a shining mark has again been demonstrated in the passing away of an honored and beloved Comrade, Past Department Commander Edward J. Atkinson, which occurred on the third day of February, 1920, at his home in Yonkers, New York.

The sorrowful and afflictive event came as a sequel to a protracted period of sickness and suffering; yet withal there was no abatement of intellectual vigor and alertness until the end was near. He attended the Department Encampment at Elmira in June last, and although suffering greatly from illness took an active part in the deliberations and activities of that body.

Comrade Atkinson was born in New York City seventy-eight years ago and retained his residence in that municipality until his recent retirement from business activities.

In March, 1861, he enlisted in Company "A," 83d Regiment of New York Volunteers and served with great credit two years

when he was honorably discharged. He was a brave and faithful soldier, and fulfilled every requirement with a marked degree of efficiency during the entire period of his service.

For over forty years he was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and served the Organization in various capacities, including Senior Vice and Department Commander and Quartermaster-General of the National Organization.

For more than thirty years, and at the time of his decease, he held the position of Secretary to the Memorial and Executive Committee of the Grand Army of the Republic in the City of New York.

For more than fifty-five years he served his native city in various capacities and in important positions, until age and infirmity compelled retirement. In every position, military or civic, he measured up to the highest standards and in the Grand Army he attained a commanding prominence which he held to the very last moment of his life.

Comrade Atkinson will be greatly missed in Departmental activities. His wise counsel, his forceful energy, his incisive character, his thoughtful alertness and his genius for leadership were ever in evidence and counted for much in Grand Army affairs.

COMRADE CHARLES H. FREEMAN

Past Department Commander Charles H. Freeman passed over to the other side at his home in Corning, N. Y., on the 12th day of April, 1920, after a long and honorable career as a soldier, a citizen and a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Comrade Freeman was born at Trumansburg, Tompkins County, N. Y., September 28, 1840. He removed to Corning when seventeen years of age, and in 1862 enlisted in the 141st Regiment of New York Volunteers as a private. In 1863 he was commissioned Lieutenant of Company C, in the same Regiment and later was promoted to the Captaincy.

The 141st Regiment saw much active and severe service, and took part in Sherman's march to the sea.

Captain Freeman was mustered out with his Regiment after the close of the war and returning to Corning, was for many years actively engaged in business affairs.

Captain Freeman was a charter member of the Logie Post, G. A. R., of Corning, N. Y., and continued in its membership until the Post was disbanded. In 1889 he joined the W. W. Hayt Post, No. 276, and remained in its membership until the time of death.

Captain Freeman was a brave soldier, a prominent, upright and influential public spirited citizen and as a member of the Grand Army was held in high honor and repute. In 1889 he was elected Commander of the Department of New York. While serving in this capacity he removed the first sod from the site of the present tomb of General Grant. He rarely missed a State Encampment, and is said to have attended every National Encampment since 1889.

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GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

ALBANY, NEW YORK

1920

Department Officers

Department Commander	JOSEPH E. EWELL
Senior Vice-Commander	EDWARD B. LONG
Junior Vice-Commander	LOUIS H. LA VALLEE
Chaplain	REV. D. P. LAPPEUS
Medical Director	H. T. DUNBAR

Official Staff

Assistant Adjutant-General, Assistant Quartermaster-General	CHARLES A. ORR
Department Inspector	THOMAS J. McCONEKEY
Judge Advocate	CLARENCE W. STANTON
Chief Mustering Officer	JAMES R. SILLIMAN
Patriotic Instructor	GEO. B. FAIRHEAD
Senior Aide-de-Camp	HENRY L. KEENE

Council of Administration

AUSTIN H. STAFFORD FRED C. BARGER, SAMUEL McAULIFFE,
SILAS H. HOOGHKERK, FRED A. MATHEWS

Past National Officers

*JOHN C. ROBINSON	Commander-in-Chief, 1877–78
*JOHN PALMER	Commander-in-Chief, 1891
*ALBERT D. SHAW	Commander-in-Chief, 1899
JAMES TANNER	Commander-in-Chief, 1905
*JAMES B. McKEAN	Senior Vice-Com.-in-Chief, 1866–67
*EDWARD JARDINE	Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, 1874
*JOHN PALMER	Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, 1879
ALFRED LYTH	Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, 1897
*LEWIS E. GRIFFITH	Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, 1907
*NICHOLAS W. DAY	Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, 1912
†JOSEPH HADFIELD	Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, 1888

Past Department Commanders

*James B. McKean.Saratoga Springs	*John C. Shotts.....Yonkers
*Daniel E. Sickles...New York City	*Edward J. Atkinson.New York City
*Edward B. Lansing.....Auburn	James S. Graham.....Rochester
*John C. Robinson.....Binghamton	*Albert D. Shaw.....Watertown
*Henry A. Barnum...New York City	*Anson S. Wood.....Wolcott
*Stephen P. Corliss.....Albany	Joseph W. Kay.....Brooklyn
*Edward Jardine .....Albany	N. P. Pond.....Rochester
*John Palmer .....Albany	Chas. A. Orr.....Buffalo
James Tanner....Washington, D. C.	*Allan C. Bakewell...New York City
*William F. Rogers.....Buffalo	John S. Koster.....Port Leyden
*James McQuade .....Utica	*Henry N. Burhans.....Syracuse
*L. Coe Young.....Binghamton	*James M. Snyder.....Troy
*Abram Merritt .....Nyack	John S. Maxwell.....Amsterdam
*James S. Fraser....New York City	*Harlan J. Swift.....Cuba
John A. Reynolds.....Fairport	*William H. Daniels....Ogdensburg
*Ira M. Hedges.....Haverstraw	*M. J. Cummings.....Brooklyn
*H. Clay Hall.....Little Falls	DeWitt C. Hurd .....Utica
*Joseph I. Sayles.....Rome	George B. Loud.....New York City
*George H. Treadwell.....Albany	Oscar Smith .....Albany
*N. Martin Curtis.....Ogdensburg	Samuel C. Pierce.....Rochester
*Harrison Clark .....Albany	*James D. Bell.....Brooklyn
*Floyd Clarkson.....New York City	Zan L. Tidball.....Buffalo
Charles H. Freeman.....Corning	*Solomon W. Russell.....Salem
*Theodore L. Poole.....Syracuse	William F. Kirchner.New York City
*Joseph P. Cleary.....Rochester	Lewis S. Pilcher.....Brooklyn

DeAlva S. Alexander, Buffalo, transferred from Dept. Potomac.
*W. L. Palmer, Binghamton, transferred from Dept. Dakota.

* Deceased.
† Severed his connection with the Order.

Past Senior Vice Department Commanders

*William F. Rogers.
* James M. Gere.
* Edward B. Lansing.
* John C. Robinson.
John A. Reynolds.
*Samuel Minnes.
*John Palmer.
*Joseph Egolf.
*John G. Copley.
*Constantine Nitzsche.
*Jacob Welsing.
*Henry Osterheld.
*John E. Savery
*Robert Keith.
*H. Clay Hall.
*L. P. Thompson.
C. W. Cowtan.
C. A. Orr.
* J. P. Cleary.
Charles H. Freeman.
*J. K. Hood.
*Homer B. Webb.
*Edward J. Deevey.
*William L. DeLacey.
*Edward J. Atkinson.
P. C. Soule.
*C. Hull Grant
*Frederick Cossum.
*George Chappell.
*Rufus Daggett.
John S. Maxwell.
Edward J. Mitchell.
*John H. Swift.
Clark H. Norton.
*M. J. Cummings
*W. Charles Smith.
*E. C. Parkinson.
George E. Dewey.
*Daniel J. O'Brien.
*Jared W. Wickes.
*George F. Tait.
*William A. Boyd
*James M. Watson.
Samuel C. Pierce.
Daniel H. Cole.
*James D. Bell.
Alfred E. Stacey.
A. H. Stafford.
James A. Allis
*George Hollands.
Henry S. Redman.
H. Stewart Warner.
*Alexander E. Mintee, Buffalo, transferred from Dept., Cal. and Nevada.

Past Junior Vice Department Commanders

*James M. Geer.
*Bradley Winslow.
*V. Krzyanowski.
John A. Reynolds.
*John W. Marshall.
* Willard Bullard.
*Joseph Egolf.
*A. B. Lawrence.
*Edwin J. Loomis.
*Robert H. McCormic.
*George H. Treadwell.
* J. Marshall Guion.
*James F. Fitts.
*Dennis Sullivan.
*Edwin Goodrich.
Frank Z. Jones.
*J. C. Carlyle
*W. B. Stoddard
*G. S. Conger.
*C. Hull Grant.
*Robert Wilson.
*W. L. Scott.
*Gardner C. Hibbard.
Edward A. Dubey.
William F. Kirchner.
Silas Owen.
*Daniel Van Wie.
*John Kohler.
John S. Koster.
N. R. Thompson.
Walter Scott.
Jerre S. Gross.
*Philo H. Conklin.
*Daniel W. Hulse.
*D. C. Bangs.
*David Isaacs.
L. L. Hanchett.
George E. Dewey.
*Edward H. Fassett.
*Daniel J. O'Brien.
*Jared W. Wickes.
James Campbell.
DeWitt C. Hurd.
Robert P. Bush.
*L. O. Morgan.
*Henry E. Turner.
*C. C. Caldwell.
C. J. Westcott.
Nelson Mattice.
David H. Dyer.
Robert Simpson, Jr., M. D.
Isidore Isaacs
* James Loftus
John W. Mullens
Frank Johnson.
George W. Flynn.

* Deceased.

RECAPITULATION OF POSTS BY COUNTIES

ALBANY.

NUMBER.	NAME.	LOCATION.
5	Lew Benedict	Albany.
43	N. G. Lyon	Cohoes.
63	George S. Dawson	Albany.
121	L. O. Morris	Albany.
198	M. M. Barckley	Altamont.
644	William A. Jackson	Albany.
671	General John E. Wool	Watervliet.

ALLEGANY.

86	A. K. Thorpe	Belfast.
183	Stephen T. Bartle	Cuba.
195	Revere	Belmont.
237	Burnside	Fillmore.
241	Hatch	Friendship.
247	H. C. Gardner	Bolivar.
296	Seth H. Weed	Canaseraga.
332	Wesley Rolfe	Stanards.
333	Sawyer	Whitesville.
336	Dexter	Wellsville.
427	W. W. Woodworth	Rushford.
428	B. Frank Maxson	Alfred.
481	Edward Seaman	Andover.
502	Wilbur Haver	Angelica.
603	A. & J. Van Nostrand	Short Tract.

BRONX.

96	Oliver Tilden	New York.
136	Vanderbilt	New York.

BROOME.

30	Watrous	Binghamton.
108	Joseph J. Bartlett	Binghamton.
134	Walton Dwight	Johnson City.
150	Henry Williams	Harpursville.
184	Eggleston	Deposit.
199	Eldredge	Whitney Point.
350	Whittlesey	Union.

CANADA.

532	James S. Knowlton	Toronto.
652	Hannibal Hamlin	London.

CATTARAUGUS.

85	H. W. Wessels	Portville.
222	G. D. Bayard	Olean.
232	Henry Van Arnam	Ellicottville.
246	Fuller	Little Valley
297	D. T. Wiggins	Randolph.
310	Capt. Fancher	Leon.

CATTARAUGUS — *Continued.*

NUMBER.	NAME.	LOCATION.
357	Rust	Great Valley.
359	Darby	Gowanda.
380	Sherwood	Salamanca.
386	C. D. Nash	South Dayton.
508	Alansen Crosby	Franklinville.
655	Wm. T. Wickham	Otto.
666	A. A. Hall	East Randolph.

CAYUGA.

45	Seward-Crocker	Auburn.
155	George C. Stoyell	Moravia.
159	Hudson	Fair Haven.
166	J. E. Whiteside	Weedsport.
175	Lockwood	Port Byron.
201	Capt. G. M. Smith	Kings Ferry.
494	A. A. Hoff	Union Springs.
632	Selah Cornwell	Scipio.

CHAUTAUQUA.

282	H. C. Sturdevant	Kennedy.
285	James M. Brown	Jamestown.
292	James A. Hall	Brocton.
295	Sheldon	Sherman.
324	William Sackett	Westfield.
389	Philander Cook	Panama.
393	William O. Stevens	Dunkirk.
403	E. D. Holt	Fredonia.
429	John F. Smith	Stockton.
439	G. L. Pierce	Forestville.
523	R. M. Starring	Silver Creek.
589	Cyrus Adams	Frewsburg.

CHEMUNG.

6	Baldwin	Elmira.
165	L. E. Fitch	Elmira.
416	Wilson Dean	Millport.
623	General A. S. Diven	Elmira.
672	J. M. McDowell	Elmira.

CHENANGO.

12	Vanderburg	Afton.
40	Admiral Meade	Oxford.
83	E. B. Smith	Norwich.
137	Otis G. Banks	Greene.
196	Edward E. Breed	Oxford.
442	Wm. A. Miles	McDonough.
456	J. E. Parce	South Otselic.
493	Plumb	Sherburne.
576	Weaver	Smyrna.
582	H. H. Beecher	Bainbridge.

CLINTON.

NUMBER.	NAME.	LOCATION.
352	J. S. Stone	Saranac.
366	Walter H. Benedict	Plattsburg.
411	Angell	Mooers.
659	Charles H. Bentley	Morrisonville.

COLUMBIA.

118	Byron Lockwood	Philmont.
138	R. D. Lathrop	Hudson.
539	General Logan	Chatham.

CORTLAND.

98	Grover	Cortland.
105	Willoughby Babcock	Homer.

DELAWARE.

132	Frank T. Hine	Franklin.
142	England	Delhi.
177	Bradford	Sidney.
209	Ben Marvin	Walton.
280	Fleming	Downsville.
477	John A. Logan	Stamford.
483	John Plasket	Hancock.

DUTCHESS.

20	Hamilton Sleight	Poughkeepsie.
48	Howland	Beacon.
88	J. H. Ketcham	Wappingers Falls.
104	Armstrong	Rhinebeck.
467	Obed Wheeler	Amenia.
617	Henry Gridley	Millerton.
661	C. N. Campbell	Pawling.

ERIE

2	Chapin	Buffalo.
9	Bidwell-Wilkeson	Buffalo.
87	Crary	Springville.
129	Winfield B. Scott	Tonawanda.
180	George Stoneman	Lancaster.
202	James Ayer	Angola.
220	S. C. Noyes	North Collins.
254	William Richardson	Buffalo.
398	J. J. Peck	Akron.
432	W. B. Ransom	Clarence.
440	N. J. Swift	Hamburg.
478	Chester Bishop	Colden.
506	Arthur Smith	East Aurora.
542	E. L. Hayward	Buffalo.
553	Robert Orr	Holland.

ESSEX.

NUMBER.	NAME.	LOCATION.
102	Wm. H. Stevenson	Moriah Center.
252	Alfred Weed	Ticonderoga.
379	D'Avignon	Jay.
484	C. D. Beaumont	Keeseville.
533	C. F. Hammond	Crown Point.
594	Robert W. Livingston	Keene Valley.

FRANKLIN.

213	J. W. Pangborn	Malone.
284	W. D. Brennan	Malone.
363	H. L. Aldrich	Brushton.
504	Durkee	St. Regis Falls.
562	A. T. Bailey	Chateaugay.
621	F. M. Bull	Saranac Lake.

FULTON.

17	Ansel Denison	Gloversville.
257	Martin McMartin	Johnstown.
289	McKean	Broadalbin.

GENESEE.

299	Upton	Batavia.
412	Wilbert Fuller	Bergen.

GREENE.

27	Hollister	Coxsackie.
263	A. N. Baldwin	Hunter.
514	John W. Watson	Catskill.

HAMILTON.

531	William Wood	Long Lake.

HERKIMER.

19	Galpin	Little Falls.
110	Chismore	Ilion.
364	S. G. Button	West Winfield.
404	Aaron Helmer	Herkimer.
604	Frank Mann	Frankfort.
664	J. P. Spofford	Dolgeville.

JEFFERSON.

188	Julius Broadbent	Dexter.
269	E. B. Steel	Carthage.
273	Piper	Henderson.
300	H. H. Vebber	Black River.
306	G. W. Flower	Theresa.

JEFFERSON — *Continued*

NUMBER.	NAME.	LOCATION.
323	Joe Spratt	Watertown.
373	Oliver McAllaster	Antwerp.
381	De Alton Cooper	Adams.
410	Albert Dennis	Clayton.
424	James B. Campbell	Alexandria Bay.
441	E. V. Mayhew	Three Mile Bay.
588	Wm. T. Sherman	Natural Bridge.
633	John P. Buckley	Belleville.

KINGS.

10	Rankin	Brooklyn.
11	Barbara Frietchie	Brooklyn.
21	Harry Lee	Brooklyn.
35	Mansfield	Brooklyn.
89	James H. Perry	Brooklyn.
122	Germain Metternich	Brooklyn.
148	Thomas C. Devin	Brooklyn.
152	L. M. Hamilton	Brooklyn.
161	N. S. Ford	Brooklyn.
197	Winchester	Brooklyn.
207	William Lloyd Garrison	Brooklyn.
233	Brooklyn City	Brooklyn.
286	Gouverneur K. Warren	Brooklyn.
327	U. S. Grant	Brooklyn.
362	George Ricard	Brooklyn.
399	Clarence D. Mackenzie	Brooklyn.
435	Abel Smith-1st L. I.	Brooklyn.
499	McPherson-Doane	Brooklyn.
500	B. F. Middleton	Brooklyn.
534	George C. Strong	Brooklyn.

LEWIS.

200	G. D. Bailey	Lowville.
385	H. J. Botchford	Port Leyden.
525	F. M. Leonard	Copenhagen.

LIVINGSTON.

190	J. L. & C. S. Thompson	Dalton.
216	Seth N. Hedges	Dansville.
382	E. S. Gilbert	Livonia.
392	A. A. Curtis	Geneseo.
417	Craig W. Wadsworth	Nunda.
459	Mark L. Scoville	Mount Morris.
660	Tilton	Leicester

MADISON.

49	Reese	Canastota.
160	Knowlton	Cazenovia.
174	John R. Stewart	Oneida.
272	Arthur L. Brooks	Hamilton.
376	W. E. Hunt	De Ruyter.
448	Searle	Brookfield.
624	Carey W. Miner	Georgetown.

MONROE.

NUMBER.	NAME.	LOCATION.
1	O'Rorke	Rochester.
4	Geo. H. Thomas	Rochester.
84	Myron Adams	Rochester.
106	Peissner	Rochester.
211	E. A. Slocum	Fairport.
236	Cady	Brockport.
270	John H. Martindale	Spencerport.
275	Thomas Farr	West Webster.
288	E. J. Tyler	Pittsford.
369	Lewis Gates	Honeoye Falls.
391	C. J. Powers	Rochester.
397	E. G. Marshall	Rochester.
409	I. F. Quimby	Rochester.
455	Francis E. Pierce	Rochester.

MONTGOMERY.

33	E. S. Young	Amsterdam.
51	Farrell	Canajoharie.
57	Van Derveer	Fonda.
70	Klock	Fort Plain.
356	Alonzo Smith	St. Johnsville.

NASSAU.

365	D. L. Downing	Glen Cove.
527	D. B. P. Mott	Freeport.
544	Moses A. Baldwin	Hempstead.
554	Elijah Ward	Roslyn.

NEW YORK.

8	Phil Kearny	New York.
24	Sumner	New York.
29	James C. Rice	New York.
32	Koltes	New York.
38	Geo. G. Meade	New York.
44	Reno	New York.
62	J. L. Riker	New York.
69	General Shields-Corcoran	New York.
77	General J. S. Wadsworth	New York.
79	Cameron	New York.
80	John A. Rawlins	New York.
100	E. A. Kimball	New York.
103	George Washington	New York.
113	Dahlgren-Powell	New York.
128	Joe Hooker	New York.
135	John A. Dix	New York.
140	Lafayette	New York.
146	Alexander S. Webb	New York.
182	Alexander Hamilton	New York.
192	Steinwehr	New York.
234	John A. Andrews	New York.
255	Thaddeus Stevens	New York.

NEW YORK — *Continued.*

NUMBER.	NAME.	LOCATION.
259	Winfield Scott Hancock	New York.
264	Gilsa	New York.
307	Edwin D. Morgan	New York.
313	Peter Cooper	New York.
330	Adam Goss	New York.
394	Robert Anderson	New York.
436	Veteran	New York.
458	Noah L. Farnham	New York.
516	Farragut—Naval	New York.
557	General James McQuade	New York.
559	William G. Mitchell	New York.
578	Horace B. Claflin	New York.
600	Lloyd Aspinwall	New York.
607	James Monroe	New York.

NIAGARA.

76	Charles P. Sprout	Lockport.
125	Alex. B. Mabon	Sanborn.
126	Peter A. Porter	Wilson.
133	Dudley Donnelly	Niagara Falls.
228	Melville C. McCollum	Ransomville.
258	Sidney C. Hayes	Barker.
281	Lewis S. Payne	North Tonawanda.
349	C. L. Skeels	Hartland.

ONEIDA.

14	John F. McQuade	Utica.
23	Rowell	Waterville.
31	Ross	New York Mills.
39	Thomas	Prospect.
47	Skillen	Rome.
53	Bacon	Utica.
97	Wheelock	Boonville.
227	N. B. Hinckley	Clinton.
413	G. W. Chadwick	Sauquoit.
482	J. Parson Stone	Camden.
526	James E. Jenkins	Vernon.
551	Ballard	Taberg.
615	Joseph H. Warren	Verona.

ONTARIO.

7	Gordon Granger	Clifton Springs.
74	Bingham	Naples.
94	Swift	Geneva.
107	Herendeen	Shortsville.
162	Albert M. Murray	Canandaigua.
225	Sheridan Crandall	East Bloomfield.
303	Charles R. Lilly	Cheshire.
597	General John B. Murray	Phelps.

ONONDAGA.

NUMBER.	NAME.	LOCATION.
66	Lilly	Syracuse.
151	Root	Syracuse.
164	Benjamin H. Porter	Skaneateles.
278	Moses Summers	Baldwinsville.
358	Joseph Jones	Marcellus.
457	Sanders	Cicero.
608	Geo. H. Bolster	Manlius.
647	Anthony Stacey	Elbridge.
648	Col. Randall	Liverpool.
663	R. D. Pettit	Lysander.
667	R. B. Hayes	Fayetteville.
670	Ben. Higgins	East Syracuse.

ORANGE.

52	Ellis	Newburgh.
58	S. W. Fullerton	Newburgh.
176	F. M. Cummins	Goshen.
266	General Lyon	Middletown.
279	Carroll Van Etten	Port Jervis.
301	Capt. Wm. A. Jackson	Middletown.
546	Emslie	Cornwall-on-Hudson.
564	Fairchild	Walden.
575	John J. Wheeler	Warwick.
598	Ryder	Highland Falls.

ORLEANS.

73	S. & P. Gilbert	Lyndonville.
91	S. J. Hood	Medina.
114	Curtis Bates	Albion.
298	David Jones	Kendall.

OSWEGO.

16	H. L. Farmer	Cleveland.
65	J. D. O'Brian	Oswego.
111	J. B. Butler	Pulaski.
145	Joe Gould	Phoenix.
217	A. J. Barney	Sandy Creek.
262	Sidney C. Gaylord	Redfield.
271	D. F. Schenck	Fulton.
367	Melzer Richards	Mexico.
418	Isaac Waterbury	Central Square.
434	Hiram Sherman	Vermillion.
609	John Stevenson	S. W. Oswego.

OTSEGO.

15	Brown	Schenevus.
25	Johnson	Worcester.
26	L. C. Turner	Cooperstown.
119	E. D. Farmer	Oneonta.
124	C. C. Siver	Unadilla.
223	W. A. Musson	Gilbertsville.
256	Weldon	Richfield Springs.

PUTNAM.

NUMBER.	NAME.	LOCATION.
302	Crosby	Brewster.

QUEENS.

50	George Huntsman	Flushing, L. I.
283	Benjamin Ringold	Long Island City.
368	Alfred M. Wood	Jamaica.
451	Adam Wirth	College Point.
560	Robert J. Marks	Elmhurst.
628	Sheridan	Long Island City.
636	John Corning	Rockaway Beach.

RENSSELAER.

18	John McConihe	Troy.
34	George L. Willard	Troy.
141	William B. Tibbits	Troy.
204	Private D. S. Corbin	Rensselaer.
294	Walter A. Wood	Hoosick Falls.
338	John A. Griswold	Troy.
471	Bolton	Troy.
487	Hartshorn	Schaghticoke.

RICHMOND.

112	Robert G. Shaw	New Brighton.
163	Lenhart	Tottenville.
524	Richmond	Port Richmond, S. I.

ROCKLAND.

82	Waldron	Nyack.
179	Edward Pye	Haverstraw.
521	John P. Jenkins	Suffern.

ST. LAWRENCE.

156	E. H. Barnes	Gouverneur.
167	Luther Priest	Norwood.
169	W. T. Rice	Hermon.
214	Marsh	Potsdam.
346	H. T. Martyn	Canton.
354	Ransom	Ogdensburg.
415	Alfred I. Hooker	Morristown.
421	Captain Gibson	Winthrop.
425	Col. Hiram Anderson	Massena.
581	Warren B. Waite	Colton.

SARATOGA.

46	Wm. H. McKittrick	Ballston Spa.
92	Luther M. Wheeler	Saratoga Springs.
116	Frank Norton	Schuylerville.
290	Philip Rice	Corinth.
619	Col. Elmer E. Ellsworth	Mechanicville.
630	Gen'l Philip H. Sheridan	Waterford.
665	S. S. Craig	Middle Grove.

SCHENECTADY.

NUMBER.	LOCATION.	NAME.
90	Wm. Horsfall	Schenectady.

SCHOHARIE.

157	George A. Turnbull	Esperance.

SCHUYLER.

341	Phineas Catlin	Odessa.
423	D. B. Smith	Valois.
515	D. W. Washburn	Watkins.

SENECA.

72	Tyler J. Snyder	Waterloo.
78	Cross	Seneca Falls.
325	Charles T. Harris	Ovid.
438	William E. Avery	Interlaken.
445	A. J. Chestnut	Lodi.

STEUBEN.

81	Custer	Bath.
194	Abram Allen	Canisteo.
226	Doty	Hornell.
240	Rodney E. Harris	Cohocton.
248	General Barry	Bath.
276	William W. Hayt	Corning.
314	Theodore Schlick	Wayland.
372	W. W. Angle	Addison.
470	Monroe Brundage	Hammondsport.
475	John W. Davis	Caton.
507	Marcy	Avoca.
535	Henry C. Lyon	Pultney.
549	Knox	Savona.
565	J. N. Warner	Woodhull.
583	Moses Dennis	Jasper.
640	C. M. Pierce	N. Cohocton.
649	Gregory	Prattsburg.

SUFFOLK.

210	Richard J. Clark	Patchogue.
274	Edwin Rose	Sag Harbor.
353	Edward Hunting	Greenport.
426	Samuel Ackerly	Northport.
538	William Gurney	Bay Shore.
627	Lewis O. Conklin	Port Jefferson.
641	J. C. Walters	Huntington.
643	H. B. Knickerbocker	Amityville.
656	Henry A. Barnum	Riverhead.

SULLIVAN.

NUMBER.	NAME.	LOCATION.
205	Ratcliff	Monticello.
293	W. T. Morgan	Rockland.
311	Garrett	Liberty.
431	Teller	Grahamsville.

TIOGA.

59	Babcock	Owego.
461	Walter C. Hull	Waverly.
464	Dawson	Spencer.
505	Hagadorn	Halsey Valley.
613	Tracey	Apalachin.
646	L. W. Truesdell	Owego.

TOMPKINS.

41	Sydney	Ithaca.
123	Gregg	Newfield.
250	James E. Mix	Ithaca.
260	L. Dwight Allen	Groton.
572	Treman	Trumansburg.

ULSTER.

127	Pratt	Kingston.
168	Johannas LeFevre	Highland.
191	Ward	Ellenville.
212	Eltinge	New Paltz.
215	Tappen	Saugerties.
495	Ketcham	Milton.

WARREN.

147	Edgar M. Wing	Glens Falls.
316	B. C. Butler	Luzerne.

WAYNE.

55	Keeslar	Wolcott.
99	Wm. B. Vosburg	Newark.
109	Dwight	Sodus Point.
153	A. D. Adams	Lyons.
173	Snedaker	Clyde.
193	James A. Garfield	Palmyra.
251	D. H. Becker	Red Creek.
291	Sweeting	South Butler.
320	John Hance	Williamson.
406	Myron M. Fish	Ontario.
444	John B. Burrud	Marion.
501	Remington	Savannah.

WASHINGTON.

NUMBER.	NAME.	LOCATION.
267	Horace E. Howard	Granville.
309	John McKee	Cambridge.
326	A. M. Cook	Greenwich.
335	Lou Washburn	Fort Ann.
370	Duncan Lendrum	Argyle.
491	C. E. Mills	Fort Edward.
563	A. H. Tanner	Whitehall.
570	A. L. McDougall	Salem.
587	Wm. M. Collin	Hudson Falls.
642	John C. Lasson	Clemons.

WESTCHESTER.

60	Kitching	Yonkers.
95	Abraham Vosburgh	Peekskill.
120	McKeel	Katonah.
144	Morell	Ossining.
170	Farnsworth	Mount Vernon.
378	Charles Lawrence	Port Chester.
466	Cromwell	White Plains.
496	Ward B. Burnett	Tarrytown.
509	Flandreau	New Rochelle.
590	John C. Fremont	Yonkers.

WYOMING.

101	John P. Robinson	Perry.
130	Gibbs	Warsaw.
218	Tobert	Arcade.
219	Rowley P. Taylor	Attica.
238	Buford	Johnsonburg.

YATES.

93	J. B. Sloan	Penn Yan.
486	Wm. H. Long	Penn Yan.

DIRECTORY

POST NO.	NAME	MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING DEC. 31, 1919	DATE OF CHARTER	COMMANDER	ADDRESS
1	O'Rorke	52	Oct. 8, 1866	James H. Splaine	256 Hazelwood ter.
2	Chapin	200	Oct. 9, 1866	Nelson Simmons	149 School st.
4	Geo. H. Thomas	21	Feb. 10, 1875	John A. Reynolds	Fairport
5	Lew Benedict	82	Mar. 8, 1867	Jacob R. Terwilliger	36 Chestnut st.
6	Baldwin	92	June 11, 1868	Schuyler Beers	Elmira
7	Gordon Granger	12	April 6, 1878	Chas. D. Giles	Clifton Springs
8	Phil Kearny	17	Dec. 16, 1866	*George H. Stevens	5 East 47th st.
9	Bidwell Wilkeson	156	April 28, 1880	John Maxwell	417 Vermont st.
10	Rankin	45	Feb. 16, 1867	Wm. H. Pinckney	439 Monroe st.
11	Barbara Frietchie	14	Oct. —, 1876	Robert H. Davis	136 Smith st.
12	Vanderburg	13	April 19, 1878	R. R. Lord	Afton
14	John F. McQuade	20	April 5, 1879	Thomas E. Hart	1009 Lansing st.
15	Brown	9	Mar. 11, 1874	Mordecia Knapp	Schenevus
16	H. L. Farmer	9	May 11, 1916	Louis Wanner	Cleveland
17	Ansel Denison	45	April 16, 1915	Wilbur Alpaugh	Gloversville
18	John McConihe	22	Feb. 22, 1886	William H Kilfoile	334 Congress st.
19	Galpin	49	April 15, 1873	James G. Burney	Little Falls
20	Hamilton Sleight	114	Oct. 31, 1911	Harry E. Murray	64 Garden st.
21	Harry Lee	15	Jan 28, 1870	Thomas E. Holt	770 Putnam ave.
23	Rowell	7	May 22, 1868	Sylvester Templeton	Waterville
24	Sumner	24	Mar. 30, 1867	John M. Fisher	238–240 W. 129th st.
25	Johnson	20	April 8, 1878	Seth M. Flint	Worcester
26	L. C. Turner	20	May 26, 1878	Joel G. White	Cooperstown
27	Hollister	14	Dec. 29, 1874	N. A. Calkins	Coxsackie
29	James C. Rice	60	Dec. 30, 1871	Edward M. Griffiths	556 West 183d st
30	Watrous	115	May 14, 1867	Alfred A. Lord	99 Court st.
31	Ross	21	May 23, 1868	Geo. B. Fairhead	1657 Sunset ave., Utica
32	Koltes	39	June 21, 1867	Jacob Porr	473 East 145th st.
33	E. S. Young	64	April 10, 1875	Alfred Castler	Amsterdam
34	George L. Willard	41	May 19, 1869	Charles Huntington	77 Fifth ave., North
35	Mansfield Dakin	58	June 11, 1877	Wm. H. Lyons	59 Devoe st.
38	Geo. G. Meade	25	Sept. 21, 1875	Isaac H. Fuhr	41 Fourth place, B'klyn
39	Thomas	12	May 3, 1875	James Hane	Ohio
40	Admiral Meade	8	April 28, 1903	John Few	W. R. C. Home
41	Sidney	32	Dec. 22, 1876	Edward A. Willson	314 East Buffalo st.
43	N. G. Lyon	29	Sept. 19, 1867	J. H. Van De Mark	236 Central ave.
44	Reno	21	April 15, 1875	Joseph Elvery	350 East 138th st.
45	Seward Crocker	64	Nov. 10, 1903	James Moroney	66 Van Andan st.
46	Wm. H. McKittrick	20	May 7, 1875	Albert J. Reed	Ballston Spa.
47	Skillen	36	Aug. 29, 1872	L. A. Martin	Rome
48	Howland	15	May 18, 1870	Elijah Mosher	Beacon
49	Reese	23	July 1, 1878	William Taylor, M. D.	Canastota
50	George Huntsman	22	June 24, 1869	R. W. Carman	283 Madison ave
51	Farrell	17	Mar. 25, 1874	Cornelius Van Alstine	Canajoharie, R. F. D. No. 1

* Deceased.

OF POSTS

POST NO.	LOCATION	COUNTY	TIME OF MEETING	PLACE OF MEETING
1	Rochester	Monroe	1st and 3d Thursdays	G. A. R. Hall, City Hall Annex Exchange st.
2	Buffalo	Erie	1st and 3d Friday	G. A. R. Hall, Virginia st. and South Elmwood ave.
4	Rochester	Monroe	Last Monday	The Osburn House, Main st.
5	Albany	Albany	Every Thursday, 8 P. M.	31 Green st.
6	Elmira	Chemung	1st and 3d Monday	N. Y. S. N. G. Armory
7	Clifton Springs	Ontario	1st Tuesday, 2 P. M.	G. A. R. Hall
8	New York	New York	3d Wednesday	168th st. and Broadway, 22d Reg't. Armory
9	Buffalo	Erie	1st and 3d Thursday	Cor. Elmwood ave. and Virginia st.
10	Brooklyn	Kings	2d Friday	14th Reg't. Armory, 8th ave. 14th and 15th sts.
11	Brooklyn	Kings	2d Wednesday	Eckford Hall, Greenpoint
12	Afton	Chenango	1st and 3d Saturday	G. A. R. Hall
14	Utica	Oneida	2d and 4th Wednesday afternoon	Oneida County Building
15	Schenevus	Otsego	1st Thursday, 2:30 P. M.	G. A. R. Hall
16	Cleveland	Oswego	2d Monday	Clay st.
17	Gloversville	Fulton	Alternate Saturday	Foresters Hall, 42 S. Main st.
18	Troy	Rensselaer	1st Thursday	County Court House, Congress and Second streets
19	Little Falls	Herkimer	1st Friday	G. A. R. Hall, Cor. Main and William st.
20	Poughkeepsie	Dutchess	Every Wednesday	27 Garden st.
21	Brooklyn	Kings	2d and 4th Thursday	Hart's Hall, 1028 Gates ave.
23	Waterville	Oneida	2d Tuesday Dec., Mar., June and Sept., 2 p. m.	Hubbard Block
24	New York	New York	4th Friday	12th Regt. Armory, Columbus and W. 62d sts.
25	Worcester	Otsego	2d and 4th Tuesday	Knapp's Hall
26	Cooperstown	Otsego	1st and 3d Saturday	G. A. R. Hall, 55 Main st.
27	Coxsackie	Greene	2d and 4th Friday afternoon	G. A. R. Hall
29	New York	New York	1st Wednesday	309 West 23d st.
30	Binghamton	Broome	Alternate Friday	State Armory, Washington st.
31	New York Mills	Oneida	2d Friday afternoon	G. A. R. Hall
32	New York	New York	3d Sunday, 3 P. M.	85th st. and Lexington ave.
33	Amsterdam	Montgomery	Every Wednesday, 3 P. M.	45 East Main st.
34	Troy	Rensselaer	2d and 4th Tuesday	County Court House, Second and Congress sts.
35	Brooklyn	Kings	2d Friday	Lincoln Savings Bank Building, Broadway and Boerum st.
38	New York	New York	1st Tuesday	501 Hudson st.
39	Prospect	Oneida	1st and 3d Wednesday	Post-office Hall
40	Oxford	Chenango		W. R. C. Home, Assembly Hall
41	Ithaca	Tompkins	1st and 3d Tuesday, 7:30 P. M.	Military Hall
43	Cohoes	Albany	1st and 3d Saturday, 3 P. M.	64 Remsen st.
44	New York	New York	1st Thursday	Armory, 62d st. and Columbus ave.
45	Auburn	Cayuga	Every Saturday	G. A. R. Hall, 9 Exchange st.
46	Ballston Spa	Saratoga	1st and 3d Tuesday, 7:30 P. M.	K. of P. Hall, Front st.
47	Rome	Oneida	Saturday, 3 P. M.	G. A. R. Hall
48	Beacon	Dutchess	1st Tuesday	541 Main st., Odd Fellow's Hall
49	Canastota	Madison	2d Monday, 2 P. M.	G. A. R. Hall
50	Flushing	Queens	3d Sunday	Armory, Broadway
51	Canajoharie	Montgomery	2d Tuesday afternoon	Post rooms, Hammersmith Blk

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52	Ellis	24	Oct. 24, 1869	Curtis Stanton	83 Carter st.
53	Bacon	73	Oct. 24, 1867	Jacob P. Yakey	1410 Francis st.
55	Keeslar	20	July 16 1875	Albert Wamsley	Wolcott
57	Van Derveer	9	July 29, 1875	John A. Hubbard	Fonda
58	S. W. Fullerton	16	April 14, 1882	Charles Beck	197 City Terrace
59	Babcock	29	Nov. 12, 1867	Charles M. Wade	Owego
60	Kitching	49	Mar. 18, 1868	Augustus Kipp	157 Warburton ave.
62	J. L. Riker	13	Aug. 29, 1873	John Schmidling	Room 1, City Hall
63	George S. Dawson	17	Nov. 26, 1875	F. E. Colwell	462 Broadway
65	J. D. O'Brian	53	Aug. 5, 1878	James K. Prosser	142 East 3d st.
66	Lilly	69	June 25, 1870	J. A. Allis	City Hall
69	General Shields-Corcoran	9	Jan. 8, 1898	Patrick H. Doody	156 East 52d st.
70	Klock	14	June 24, 1876	Henry Crane	Fort Plain
72	Tyler J. Snyder	17	June 25, 1870	John Hill	Waterloo
73	S. and P. Gilbert	12	Nov. 26, 1876	Henry H. Vosler	Lyndonville
74	Bingham	15	Dec. 28, 1878	B. I. Preston	Naples
76	Charles P. Sprout	49	Aug. 30, 1876	Wallace Riley	51 Akron st.
77	Gen. J. S. Wadsworth	27	Dec. 29, 1877	Thomas Hamilton	1993 Amsterdam ave.
78	Cross	24	July 22, 1868	William Durnin	Spring and Chapin st.
79	Cameron	10	July 23, 1868	John R. Nugent	54 Sterling place
80	John A. Rawlins	10	Jan. 22, 1874	Daniel A. O'Mara	13th st. and Fourth av.
81	Custer	44	July 20, 1876	Rozell Seager	Bath
82	Waldron	18	Jan. 30, 1879	Alonzo Jewell	25 Prospect st.
83	E. B. Smith	28	May 9, 1874	John N. Gridley	Norwich
84	Myron Adams	48	Jan. 10, 1896	Henry S. Redman	Court House
85	H. W. Wessels	17	Jan. 11, 1879	L. E. Carr	Portville
86	A. K. Thorpe	13	May 6, 1879	John R. Haight	Belfast
87	Crary	16	Aug. 15, 1881	F. S. Smith	Springville
88	J. H. Ketcham	12	Feb. 13, 1877	George H. Abbott	Hughsonville
89	James H. Perry	28	Jan. 23, 1879	Charles H. Lunt	4 Lyossett st., Union Course, Queens Co., L. I.
90	Wm. Horsfall	63	May —, 1879	Lewis Cohen	114 Park place
91	S. J. Hood	25	May 19, 1879	Ziba Roberts	Medina, R. F. D. No. 6
92	Luther M. Wheeler	60	June 5, 1877	H. B. Ormsbee	159 Lake ave.
93	J. B. Sloan	50	April 22, 1869	Samuel M. Whitbeck	Hamilton st.
94	Swift	45	May 3, 1869	John H. Stevens	Geneva
95	Abraham Vosburgh	25	July 25, 1879	Geo. L. Hughson	Peekskill
96	Oliver Tilden	14	May 24, 1869	Joseph Stumpf	428 East 157th st.
97	Wheelock	22	July 11, 1868	Geo. O. Bridgman	Boonville
98	Grover	33	June 14, 1869	*George W. Edgcomb	16 North Church st.
99	Wm. B. Vosburg	24	July 15, 1879	Charles Burchard	Newark
100	E. A. Kimball	17	April 12, 1871	James T. Walker	375 Bleecker st.
101	John P. Robinson	15	Feb. 9, 1881	J. M. Hewitt	Perry Center
102	Wm. H. Stevenson	11	Oct. 17, 1874	Charles Acome	Moriah
103	George Washington	59	July 29, 1879	Henry L. Swords	Custom House
104	Armstrong	14	July 14, 1879	Edward Luff, Sr.	Rhinebeck
105	Willoughby Babcock	15	June 15, 1876	G. W. Stebbins	Homer
106	Elias Peissner	18	June 13, 1871	John J. Augustin	1510 St. Paul st.

*Deceased.

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52	Newburgh	Orange	3d Tuesday	Cochran's Hall, 117 Broadway
53	Utica	Oneida	Every Saturday, 2 P. M.	Oneida County Building
55	Wolcott	Wayne	Wednesday	G. A. R. Hall, Mill st.
57	Fonda	Montgomery	1st Saturday, 2 P. M.	Village Hall
58	Newburgh	Orange	2d and 4th Thursday	Veteran's Hall, 40 Chambers st.
59	Owego	Tioga	1st and 3d Saturday, 2 P. M.	G. A. R. Hall
60	Yonkers	Westchester	1st and 3d Monday	City Hall
62	New York	New York	1st Saturday, 2 P. M.	32 Avenue A
63	Albany	Albany	1st Thursday evening, March, June, Sept. and Dec.	G. A. R. Hall, Court House
65	Oswego	Oswego	1st Friday	State Armory
66	Syracuse	Onondaga	2d and 4th Friday	Gilcher's Hall, Butternut and Lodi sts.
69	New York	New York	2d Tuesday	69th Reg't Armory, 25th st. and Lexington ave.
70	Fort Plain	Montgomery	1st Saturday afternoon, 2 P. M.	G. A. R. Hall, Canal st.
72	Waterloo	Seneca	1st and 3d Tuesday	G. A. R. rooms
73	Lyndonville	Orleans	1st and 3d Saturday afternoon	Masonic Hall
74	Naples	Ontario	2d and 4th Saturday	G. A. R. Hall
76	Lockport	Niagara	Every Saturday afternoon	11 Cottage st.
77	New York	New York	1st Saturday, 8 P. M.	618–620 Ninth ave.
78	Seneca Falls	Seneca	Every Monday	Miller's Hall, 62 Fall st.
79	New York	New York	4th Saturday, P. M.	301 West 25th st.
80	New York	New York	2d Wednesday, P. M.	Room 1, City Hall
81	Bath	Steuben	2d and 4th Saturday, 2:30 P. M.	G. A. R. Hall
82	Nyack	Rockland	1st Saturday, 2:30 P. M.	G. A. R. Hall, Broadway
83	Norwich	Chenango	Every Tuesday, 1:30 P. M.	North Broad st.
84	Rochester	Monroe	1st Saturday afternoon	City Hall Annex
85	Portville	Cattaraugus	1st and 3d Wednesday, 2 P. M.	G. A. R. Hall, Temple st.
86	Belfast	Allegany	1st and 3d Saturday afternoon	G. A. R. Hall
87	Springville	Erie	1st and 3d Monday	Log Cabin
88	Wappingers Falls	Dutchess	Quarterly	National Bank Building
89	Brooklyn	Kings	4th Monday	Fidelity Hall, DeKalb and Nostrand ave's.
90	Schenectady	Schenectady	Thursday	Armory
91	Medina	Orleans	1st and 2d Tuesday, 2:15 P. M.	G. A. R. Hall, Center st.
92	Saratoga Springs	Saratoga	1st Wednesday, 7:30 P. M.	G. A. R. Hall
93	Penn Yan	Yates	1st and 3d Wednesday afternoon, 2 P. M.	Wendia Hall, Elm st.
94	Geneva	Ontario	1st Saturday, 2 P. M.	Armory, Main st.
95	Peekskill	Westchester	3d Monday	S. O. V. Hall, South st.
96	New York	Bronx	2d Tuesday	2d Battery Armory, Franklin ave. and 166th st.
97	Boonville	Oneida	1st Thursday	G. A. R. Hall
98	Cortland	Cortland	1st and 3d Wednesday	G. A. R. Hall, 33 Main st.
99	Newark	Wayne	1st Tuesday	Elliott's Hall
100	New York	New York	3d Saturday 8 P. M.	9th Reg't Armory, 14th st. near 6th ave.
101	Perry	Wyoming	1st and 3d Monday, 2 P. M.	Owens Hall
102	Moriah Center	Essex	2d Saturday, 2 P. M.	G. A. R. Hall
103	New York	New York	Last Thursday	Hotel Astor, Broadway and 44th st.
104	Rhinebeck	Dutchess	2d Saturday	G. A. R. Hall
105	Homer	Cortland	1st and 3d Wednesday	G. A. R. Hall
106	Rochester	Monroe	1st Saturday, 3 P. M.	German Hall, 461 St. Paul st.

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107	Herendeen	12	Mar. 9, 1881	Henry C. Beeman	Canandaigua
108	Joseph J. Bartlett	42	Feb. 20, 1893	Leroy Bostwick	Binghamton
109	Dwight	10	Aug. 6, 1877	*Morris J. Seymour	West Webster
110	Chismore	45	Sept. 8, 1869	Theodore Harter	Ilion
111	J. B. Butler	34	Aug. 27, 1879	John E. Bentley	Pulaski
112	Robert G. Shaw	10	Sept. 23, 1879	Edward Openshaw	New Brighton
113	Dahlgren-Powell	25	Oct. 11, 1869	Matthew B. Brennan	353 Mosholu Park, N.
114	Curtis-Bates	30	Dec. 1, 1893	Alvin G. Hunt	Albion
116	Frank Norton	6	Aug. 25, 1879	C. H. McNaughton	Schuylerville
118	Byron Lockwood	13	Sept. 17, 1879	J. I. Spoor	Philmont
119	E. D. Farmer	29	June 25, 1871	Wm. H. Brown	Main st.
120	McKeel	17	Sept. 30, 1879	J. T. Lockwood	White Plains
121	L. O. Morris	54	Aug. 20, 1870	Samuel J. Lennon	Nassau
122	Germain Metternich	13	Oct. 11, 1871	Louis Finkelmeier	1038 Madison st.
123	Gregg	13	Sept. 18, 1879	Aaron Poyer	Newfield
124	C. C. Siver	6	Oct. 4, 1879	W. G. Hotaling	Unadilla
125	Alex. B. Mabon	11	Sept. 12, 1879	Robert Hiam, S. V.,	Sanborn, R. D. 16
126	Peter A. Porter	6	Jan. 1, 1871	John A. Hamblin	Ransomville
127	Pratt	39	Nov. 12, 1879	James H. Everett	Kingston
128	Joe Hooker	17	Nov. 4, 1879	John M. Nagel	301 E. 81st st.
129	Winfield B. Scott	13	Oct. 24, 1879	Charles B. Parker	15 Fremont st
130	Gibbs	35	June 24, 1871	James E. Bishop	Warsaw
132	Frank T. Hine	4	Nov. 22, 1879	Joseph Eveland	Franklin
133	Dudley Donnelly	24	Nov. 13, 1879	Henry W. Gilbert	Niagara Falls
134	Walton Dwight	20	April 12, 1879	E. B. Williams	Johnson City
135	John A. Dix	50	Nov. 15, 1879	John W. Noble	324 West 56th st.
136	Vanderbilt	18	Nov. 1, 1875	Peter Biegel	3179 Gd. Concourse
137	Otis G. Banks	10	Nov. 16, 1879	E l. Sanford	Greene
138	R. D. Lathrop	28	Dec. 30, 1879	Thos. Berridge	Hudson
140	Lafayette	141	Dec. 18, 1880	James Benson	25 So. Walnut st., East Orange, N. J.
141	William B. Tibbits	18	Jan. 14, 1880	John E. Vandenburgh	558 4th ave., No.
142	England	22	Mar. 11, 1880	John D. Ferguson	Delhi
144	Morell	18	Dec. 15, 1883	Wm. W. Ryder	Ossining
145	Joe Gould	18	Mar. 19, 1880	C. F. Barnard	Phoenix
146	Alexander S. Webb	16	May 11, 1892	John Mulligan	493 Eighth ave
147	Edgar M. Wing	61	Feb. 17, 1880	George F. Bryant	City Hall
148	Thomas C. Devin	49	Feb. 17, 1880	John C. Mullins	98 Dean st.
150	Henry Williams	5	Mar. 16, 1880	Geo. E. Hurlburt	Harpursville
151	Root	156	Mar. 31, 1880	*Henry D. Benjamin	105 Lexington ave.
152	L. M. Hamilton	24	April 29, 1880	Wm. Busch	Hansom pl. and Foly ave. Jamaica, L. I.
153	A. D. Adams	20	April 15, 1880	Henry Alford	Lyons
155	George C. Stoyell	14	April 26, 1880	Benjamin Wilson	Moravia
156	E. H. Barnes	39	May 5, 1880	George S. Parsons	Gouverneur
157	George A. Turnbull	10	April 28, 1880	John Hunter	Esperance
159	Hudson	22	May 21, 1880	Charles Howland, S.V.	Walcott, R. F. D.
160	Knowlton	16	June 18, 1880	Otis W. Jillson	Cazenovia
161	N. S. Ford	17	May 20, 1880	Joseph G. Morrell	1094 E. 95th st.
162	Albert M. Murray	21	May 21, 1880	E. H. Frary	Canandaigua
163	Lenhart	10	May 22, 1880	Hubbard R. Yetman	Tottenville

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107	Shortsville	Ontario	1st and 3d Saturday, 2:30 P. M.	G. A. R. Hall, Main st.
108	Binghamton	Broome	2d and 4th Thursday	State Armory
109	Sodus	Wayne	1st and 3d Wednesday afternoon	G. A. R. Hall
110	Ilion	Herkimer	1st Saturday afternoon	K. of P. Hall
111	Pulaski	Oswego	2d and 4th Saturday afternoon	G. A. R. Hall
112	New Brighton	Richmond	1st of the month, quarterly	Cassidy's coal office, 461 Richmond Terrace
113	New York	New York	1st Thursday	Florence Hall, Second ave., cor First st.
114	Albion	Orleans	2d and 4th Thursday, P. M.	G. A. R. Hall
116	Schuylerville	Saratoga	1st Thursday, 2 P. M.	Residence M. H. DeLong
118	Philmont	Columbia	3d Saturday, 2 P. M.	G. A. R. Hall
119	Oneonta	Otsego	Tuesday afternoon, 2:30 P. M.	Saunders, Main st.
120	Mt. Kisco	Westchester	2d Saturday afternoon	Homes of Comrades
121	Albany	Albany	Every Monday	G. A. R. Hall, Court House
122	Brooklyn	Kings	2d Sunday afternoon	Bushwick and Gates ave., E. D. Turn Hall
123	Newfield	Tompkins	1st and 3d Saturday, 2:30 P. M.	G. A. R. Hall.
124	Unadilla	Otsego	1st Saturday	Odd Fellows' Hall
125	Sanborn	Niagara	At call of Commander	I. O. O. F. Hall
126	Wilson	Niagara	Thursday, 2 P. M.	G. A. R. Hall
127	Kingston	Ulster	2d and 4th Wednesday	State Armory
128	New York	New York	2d and 4th Friday	68 Lexington ave
129	Tonawanda	Erie	2d Wednesday	G. A. R. Hall, Adams st.
130	Warsaw	Wyoming	1st and 3d Saturday, 2:30 P. M.	Farman, Humphrey Block
132	Franklin	Delaware	Saturday evening	Grange Hall
133	Niagara Falls	Niagara	1st and 3d Tuesday	Armory Hall, Main st.
134	Johnson City	Broome	Every Friday, 2 P. M.	G. A. R. Hall, No. 7 Avenue D
135	New York	New York	1st Thursday	Tuxedo Hall, 59th st. and Madison ave.
136	New York	Bronx	2d Monday	2d Field Artillery Armory, Franklin ave. and 166th st.
137	Greene	Chenango	Call of Commander	G. A. R. Hall
138	Hudson	Columbia	1st Thursday	State Armory
140	New York	New York	1st and 3d Friday, 1st Friday only June, July and August	69th Reg't. Armory, Lexington ave., and 25th st.
141	Troy	Rensselaer	1st and 3d Monday	Tibbit's Veteran Hall, 303 River st.
142	Delhi	Delaware	1st Monday, 2 P. M.	G. A. R. Hall
144	Ossining	Westchester	Every Monday	Municipal Building, Croton av.
145	Phoenix	Oswego	2d and 4th Thursday, 2 P. M.	Meriman Hall, Canal st.
146	New York	New York	1st Thursday	128 West 17th st.
147	Glens Falls	Warren	2d and 4th Wednesday	G. A. R. Hall, Crandall Block
148	Brooklyn	Kings	1st and 3d Wednesday	Room 12, Borough Hall
150	Harpursville	Broome	Once a month	Comrade's Homes
151	Syracuse	Onondaga	2d and 4th Thursday	The Bastable B'ld'g., 207 E, Genesee st.
152	Brooklyn	Kings	3d Thursday	117 Arlington ave.
153	Lyons	Wayne	1st and 3d Thursday, 2:30 P. M.	Grange Hall, William st.
155	Moravia	Cayuga	Every Saturday, 7:30 P. M.	Andress Hall
156	Gouverneur	St. Lawrence	2d and 4th Tuesday, 2 P. M.	Freeman's Hall, Clinton st.
157	Esperance	Schoharie	1st Saturday, 2 P. M.	Red Men's Hall
159	Fair Haven	Cayuga	Every Saturday, 2 P. M.	G. A. R. Hall
160	Cazenovia	Madison	1st Monday, 2:30 P. M.	Edwin Hall
161	Brooklyn	Kings	Every other Saturday, 8 P. M.	Abraham's Hall, Conklin ave. and East 95th st.
162	Canandaigua	Ontario	1st and 3d Saturday, 2 P. M.	G. A. R. Hall, Main st.
163	Tottenville	Richmond	1st Saturday	Home of Commander

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164	Benjamin H. Porter	9	May 28, 1882	H. H. Loss	Skaneateles
165	L. E. Fitch	20	Dec. 14, 1882	G. W. Townsend	519 Oak st.
166	J. E. Whiteside	15	June 29, 1880	T. S. Barker	Weedsport
167	Luther Priest	14	July 4, 1880	H. H. Bailey	Norwood
168	Johannas Le Fever	12	Dec. 14, 1883	Edmund Paltridge	Highland
169	W. T. Rice	16	Jan. 28, 1886	F. A. Stalbird	Hermon, R. F. D No. 2
170	Farnsworth	27	July 21, 1830	Abraham Minnerly	145 Washington st.
173	Snedaker	12	July 23, 1880	Chester H. Bowman	Clyde
174	John R. Stewart	19	July 23, 1880	Orange F. Smith	8 Wilbur st.
175	Lockwood	21	July 20, 1880	Wm. H. Root	Port Byron
176	F. M. Cummins	11	May 21, 1883	*Robert B. Hock	Goshen
177	Bradford	12	July 26, 1880	Chas. Wood	Sidney
179	Edward Pye	17	Aug. 18, 1880	Alonzo Bedell	Haverstraw
180	George Stoneman	8	Nov. 12, 1896	Jacob Gottschalk	18 West Main st.
182	Alexander Hamilton	39	Mar. 22, 1884	Rev. Duncan J. Mc-Millan	226 West 129th st
183	Stephen T. Bartle	6	Sept. 16, 1880	G. W. Baldwin	Cuba
184	Eggleston	19	Sept. 16, 1880	Milton D. Whitaker	Deposit
188	Julius Broadbent	22	July 5, 1883	Charles M. Blair	Brownville
190	J. L. & C. S. Thompson	10	Dec. 23, 1884	C. S. Lynde	Dalton
191	Ward	21	Dec. 29, 1880	Dwight Divine	Ellenville
192	Steinwehr	13	Jan. 10, 1883	Henry Fera	206 West 129th st.
193	James A. Garfield	15	Jan. 15, 1881	Robert M. Smith	Palmyra
194	Abram Allen	15	Jan. 22, 1881	O. B. Goff	Canisteo
195	Revere	13	Jan. 20, 1881	Wm. Lathram	Belmont
196	Edward E. Breed	10	Jan. 21, 1881	A. B. Bennett	Oxford
197	Winchester	72	Feb. 2, 1881	Theodore Cocheu	143 Penn st.
198	M. M. Barckley	9	Jan. 24, 1881	John T. Stafford	Altamont
199	Eldredge	7	Mar. 9, 1881	W. E. Greenman	Whitney Point
200	G. D. Bailey	46	Sept. 6, 1882	Wm. W. Stevens	Lowville
201	Capt. G. M. Smith	7	April 23, 1884	S. C. Bradley	Kings Ferry R. D.
202	James Ayer	10	Mar. 17, 1881	Charles Harper	Angola R. D. No. 1
204	Private D. S. Corbin	5	Nov. 19, 1888	James E. Johnson	1527 Third st.
205	Ratcliff	18	Mar. 30, 1881	Wm. B. McMillen	Monticello
207	William Lloyd Garrison	25	April 18, 1881	Theo. Whiting	1868 Dean st.
209	Ben Marvin	33	April 20, 1881	Thomas B. Clark	Walton
210	Richard J. Clark	10	April 22, 1881	Charles Satterley	111 Conklin ave.
211	E. A. Slocum	17	April 25, 1881	J. S. Kelsey	Fairport
212	Eltinge	11	Dec. 14, 1883	Wm. H. D. Blake	New Paltz
213	J. W. Pangborn	7	July 28, 1895	Robert McC. Miller	Malone
214	Marsh	18	May 2, 1881	H. E. Collins	Potsdam
215	Tappen	9	April 27, 1881	D. W. Hommel	Saugerties
216	Seth N. Hedges	38	May 16, 1881	Oscar Woodruff	Dansville
217	A. J. Barney	9	May 5, 1881	John J. Hollis	Lacona
218	Torbert	6	Aug. 19, 1881	Wm. A. Howard	Arcade
219	Rowley P. Taylor	13	Aug. 20, 1881	Elon P. Spink	Attica
220	S. C. Noyes	12	June 20, 1881	E. J. Fenton	North Collins
222	G. D. Bayard	54	June 23, 1881	S. J. Daniels	Olean
223	W. A. Musson	8	June 30, 1881	W. S. Gilbert	Gilbertsville
225	Sheridan Crandall	10	July 3, 1881	C. S. Taylor	East Bloomfield
226	Doty	49	Aug. 11, 1881	Charles D. Emery	52 W. Genesee st.
227	N. B. Hinckley	14	Aug. 17, 1881	Willliam E. Bowen	Clinton
228	Melville C. McCollum	10	Sept. 17, 1880	William F. Powell	Ransomville
232	Henry Van Arnam	16	June 4, 1881	Alexander Bird	Ellicottville
233	Brooklyn City	33	Aug. 30, 1902	Charles Montgomery	677 Jefferson ave.

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164	Skaneateles	Onondaga	1st and 3d Friday	I. O. O. F. Hall
165	Elmira	Chemung	2d and 4th Monday	State Armory, East Church st.
166	Weedsport	Cayuga	1st and 3d Saturday	G. A. R. Hall
167	Norwood	St. Lawrence	Last Saturday, 2 P. M.	G. A. R. Hall
168	Highland	Ulster	1st and 3d Saturday	Homes of Comrades
169	Hermon	St. Lawrence	2d and 4th Friday, 2 P. M.	Grange Hall
170	Mt. Vernon	Westchester	1st Friday	G. A. R. Hall, 44 and 46 South 4th ave.
173	Clyde	Wayne	Friday afternoon	G. A. R. Hall, Columbia st.
174	Oneida	Madison	2d Friday, 2 P. M.	City Hall, Washington ave.
175	Port Byron	Cayuga	1st and 4th Monday	Odd Fellow's Hall
176	Goshen	Orange	Call of Commander	Corporation Hall
177	Sidney	Delaware	1st and 3d Saturday, 2 P. M.	I. O. O. F. Hall, Main st.
179	Haverstraw	Rockland	1st Saturday	G. A. R. Hall, Fourth st.
180	Lancaster	Erie	1st Sunday, 2 P. M.	Town Hall
182	New York	New York	1st and 3d Tuesday	310 Lenox ave.
183	Cuba	Allegany	2d and 4th Saturday afternoon	G. A. R. Hall
184	Deposit	Broome	1st Tuesday	Village Hall
188	Dexter	Jefferson	1st Saturday	Bloom's Hall
190	Dalton	Livingston	2d and 4th Friday, 2 P. M.	G. A. R. Hall
191	Ellenville	Ulster	1st Saturday, 2 P. M.	Savings Bank Building
192	New York	New York	2d Thursday every third month	205 E. 56th st., Maennerchor Hall
193	Palmyra	Wayne	2d Tuesday afternoon	G. A. R. Hall
194	Canisteo	Steuben	4th Friday, 2:30 P. M.	G. A. R. Hall
195	Belmont	Allegany	1st and 3d Saturday afternoon	City Hall
196	Oxford	Chenango	2d Friday	G. A. R. Rooms
197	Brooklyn	Kings	1st and 3d Saturday	Masonic Temple
198	Altamont	Albany	1st Saturday	Commercial Hall
199	Whitney Point	Broome	1st Saturday, 2 P. M.	Denning's Hall
200	Lowville	Lewis	1st Saturday, 2 P. M.	G. A. R. Hall
201	Kings Ferry	Cayuga	3d Saturday afternoon	G. A. R. Hall, Main st.
202	Angola	Erie	1st Thursday, 2 P. M.	Village Hall
204	Rensselaer	Rensselaer	1st Wednesday	Miller Hall, Forbes ave.
205	Monticello	Sullivan	1st and 3d Saturday	G. A. R. Hall, Prince st.
207	Brooklyn	Kings	1st Monday	1868 Dean st.
209	Walton	Delaware	Saturday, 1:30 P. M.	State Armory
210	Patchogue	Suffolk	1st Wednesday	Ocean ave., residence O. B. Smith
211	Fairport	Monroe	1st and 3d Saturday, 3 P. M.	Town Hall
212	New Paltz	Ulster	Last Saturday P. M. of March, June, Sept. and Dec.	G. A. R. Hall, Main st.
213	Malone	Franklin	2d and 4th Wednesday	G. A. R. Hall, E. Main st.
214	Potsdam	St. Lawrence	1st Saturday, 2 P. M.	Fireman's Hall
215	Saugerties	Ulster	1st Monday, 2 P. M.	G. A. R. Hall, Main st.
216	Dansville	Livingston	2d Tuesday afternoon	Town Hall
217	Sandy Creek	Oswego	Call of Commander	G. A. R. Hall
218	Arcade	Wyoming	1st Saturday	I. O. O. F. Hall
219	Attica	Wyoming	2d and 4th Monday, 2 P. M.	G. A. R. Hall
220	North Collins	Erie	2d and 4th Monday, 2 P. M.	Log Cabin
222	Olean	Cattaraugus	Thursday, 2 P. M.	L. Y. Miller & Son's Hall
223	Gilbertsville	Otsego	2d and 4th Saturday afternoon	G. A. R. Hall
225	East Bloomfield	Ontario	3d Thursday, 2 P. M.	Methodist Church Parlors
226	Hornell	Steuben	1st and 3d Friday	G. A. R. Hall, 86 Main st.
227	Clinton	Oneida	2d and 4th Saturday, 2:30 P. M.	Post-office Hall
228	Ransomville	Niagara	2d Saturday afternoon	Town Hall
232	Ellicottville	Cattaraugus	1st and 3d Thursday	G. A. R. Hall
233	Brooklyn	Kings	2d and 4th Saturday	Ceres Hall, Cor. Fulton st. and Troy ave.

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234	John A. Andrews	52	Oct. 19, 1881	Frank R. Battles	93 E 116th st.
236	Cady	27	Oct. 13, 1881	George Williams	Brockport
237	Burnside	6	Dec. 4, 1881	P. C. Soule, M. D.	18 Tremont st., Rochester
238	Buford	10	Nov. 10, 1881	J. W. Jones	Johnsonburg
240	Rodney E. Harris	14	Oct. 27, 1881	Nicholas J. Wagner	North Cohocton
241	Hatch	11	Oct. 28, 1881	J. K. Morgan	Friendship
246	Fuller	12	Nov. 4, 1881	C. P. Rice	Little Valley
247	H. C. Gardner	18	Dec. 19, 1881	Joshua Dunning	Bolivar
248	General Barry	80	Dec. 22, 1881	William H. Farrar	Soldiers' Home
250	James E. Mix	28	Oct. 9, 1888	George W. Hunt	705 N. Aurora st.
251	D. H. Becker	6	Feb. 13, 1897	D. N. Hunter	Red Creek
252	Alfred Weed	15	April 1, 1902	James Fergeson	Ticonderoga
254	William Richardson	23	Sept. 10, 1883	Frank M. Fisher	694 Linwood ave.
255	Thaddeus Stevens	15	Mar. 23, 1883	Peter W. Mulford	206 West 62d st.
256	Weldon	12	Jan. 14, 1882	H. W. Cadwell	Richfield Springs
257	Martin McMartin	16	Mar. 6, 1882	James H. Parks	106 West Green st.
258	Sidney C. Hayes	11	Mar. 17, 1882	William S. Thompson	Barker
259	Winfield Scott Hancock	30	Jan. 16, 1886	Morris Hauff	1576 Lexington ave.
260	L. Dwight Allen	9	Mar. 15, 1882	George B. Close	Groton
262	Sidney C. Gaylord	4	Mar. 16, 1882	S. J. Griffith	Rome
263	A. N. Baldwin	10	April 22, 1882	F. A. Barber	Lanesville
264	Gilsa	13	April 26, 1882	John P. Heintz	1007 Sixth ave.
266	General Lyon	40	April 12, 1882	A. B. Wheeler	Middletown
267	Horace E. Howard	18	May 12, 1882	Wm. Cooper	Wells, Vt.
269	E. B. Steel	26	May 12, 1882	Chas. W. Frasure	Carthage
270	John H. Martindale	19	May 17, 1882	Jacob Shaffer	Adams Basin
271	D. F. Schenck	30	June 16, 1882	John W. Distin	Fulton
272	Arthur L. Brooks	15	July 15, 1882	David Williams	Bouckville
273	Piper	5	July 29, 1882	Frank Hadcock	Henderson
274	Edwin Rose	14	Aug. 15, 1882	G. C. Morris	Sag Harbor
275	Thomas Farr	11	July 12, 1882	Frank VanAlstyne	Webster
276	William W. Hoyt	38	June 21, 1882	S. B. Shaddock	John st.
278	Moses Summers	28	June 24, 1882	A. C. Taylor	Baldwinsville
279	Carroll Van Etten	19	Nov. 2, 1910	F. S. Goble	82 Orange st.
280	Fleming	7	July 3, 1882	S. E. Hunter	Downsville
281	Lewis S. Payne	14	Feb. 22, 1899	John P. Christgau	96 Schanck st.
282	H. C. Sturdevant	16	Aug. 2, 1882	Sumner A. Smith	Kennedy
283	Benjamin Ringold	6	Aug. 5, 1882	Robt. F. MacFarlane	329 Broadway
284	Wm. D. Brennan	28	Aug. 12, 1882	L. D. Deming	Burke
285	James M. Brown	117	Aug. 17, 1882	Elon E. Kelsey	Falconer
286	Gouverneur K. Warren	40	Sept. 7, 1882	George W. Howell	218 Stuyvesant ave.
288	E. J. Tyler	10	June 19, 1884	John B. Bacon	Pittsford
289	McKean	17	Sept. 19, 1882	I. O. Best	Broadalbin
290	Philip Rice	8	Sept. 26, 1882	Thomas Peak	Corinth
291	Sweeting	10	Jan. 30, 1899	Casper Lampman	South Butler
292	James A. Hall	10	Sept. 21, 1882	Alva Mathews	Brocton
293	W. T. Morgan	14	Aug. 3, 1882	Joseph Cammer	Roscoe
294	Walter A. Wood	14	Oct. 2, 1882	T. B. Parker	Hoosick Falls
295	Sheldon	9	Oct. 1882	William Robins	Sherman
296	Seth H. Weed	8	Feb. 25, 1896	Byron Bennett	Canaseraga
297	D. T. Wiggins	19	Oct. 6, 1882	Albert G. Dow, Jr.	Randolph
298	David Jones	7	Oct. 10, 1882	M. W. Kidder	Kendall
299	Upton	40	Oct. 25, 1882	W. H. Hunn	13 Vernon ave.

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234	New York	New York	2d Friday, 8:30 P. M.	301 West 29th St.
236	Brockport	Monroe	Saturday, 2:30 P. M.	Village Hall
237	Fillmore	Allegany	4th Saturday, 1:30 P. M.	I. O. O. F. Hall
238	Johnsonburg	Wyoming	2d and 4th Saturday, P. M.	Buford Hall
240	Cohocton	Steuben	Last Saturday afternoon	G. A. R. Hall
241	Friendship	Allegany	2d and 4th Thursday	G. A. R. Hall
246	Little Valley	Cattaraugus	1st Saturday, 2 P. M.	Town Hall
247	Bolivar	Allegany	1st and 3d Thursday	W. C. T. U. Hall
248	Bath	Steuben	3d Tuesday	G. A. R. Hall, S. and S. Home
250	Ithaca	Tompkins	2d and 4th Tuesday	Odd Fellows Temple
251	Red Creek	Wayne	2d and 4th Saturday 7:30 P. M.	Odd Fellows Hall
252	Ticonderoga	Essex	1st Thursday, 2 P. M.	I. O. O. F. Hall
254	Buffalo	Erie	2d and 4th Friday, 8 P. M.	G. A. R. Hall, Elmwood ave. and Virginia st.
255	New York	New York	4th Friday, 8:30 P. M.	343 West 35th st.
256	Richfield Springs	Otsego	2d Saturday, 2 P. M.	G. A. R. Hall
257	Johnstown	Fulton	1st Saturday, 3 P. M.	American Legion Hall, W Main st.
258	Barker	Niagara	Last Saturday, 2:30 P. M.	S. of V. Armory
259	New York	New York	2d Friday	Horton Building 110 E. 125th st
260	Groton	Tompkins	1st and 3d Saturday, P. M.	Opera House Hall
262	Redfield	Oswego	1st and 3d Saturday P. M.	Wilson Hall
263	Hunter	Greene	2d Saturday, noon	Village Hall
264	New York	New York	2d Sunday, 3 P. M.	Lexington ave. cor. 85th st., Turn Hall
266	Middletown	Orange	2d Friday, 2 P. M.	Granger's Hall, 6 E. Main st.
267	Granville	Washington	1st and 3d Tuesday, 1 P. M.	G. A. R. Rooms, Scott's Hall
269	Carthage	Jefferson	1st and 3d Monday	Town Hall
270	Spencerport	Monroe	1st Friday, 2 P. M.	Masonic Temple
271	Fulton	Oswego	Every Saturday afternoon	G. A. R. Hall
272	Hamilton	Madison	1st Tuesday, 2 P. M.	Town Hall, Main st.
273	Henderson	Jefferson		Comrades' homes
274	Sag Harbor	Suffolk	2d and 4th Tuesday	House of Mrs. Wm. L. Polley, Main st.
275	Webster	Monroe	2d Saturday, 2 P. M.	Village Hall, West Main st.
276	Corning	Steuben	1st and 3d Saturday, 2 P. M.	City Hall, Council Chamber
278	Baldwinsville	Onondaga	1st Saturday, 2 P. M.	City Hall
279	Port Jervis	Orange	2d and 4th Friday, 2:30 P. M.	Odd Fellows Hall
280	Downsville	Delaware	At call of Commander	Commander's Office
281	North Tonawanda	Niagara	1st Wednesday, 8 P. M.	Wattengal's Hall
282	Kennedy	Chautauqua	At call of Commander	I. O. O. F. Hall
283	Long Island City	Queens	1st Wednesday	Queens Co. Court House
284	Malone	Franklin	1st Saturday, 2 P. M.	Foresters' Hall, E. Main st.
285	Jamestown	Chautauqua	1st and 3d Thursday	G. A. R. Hall, 7 E. Third st.
286	Brooklyn	Kings	2d and 4th Saturday	879 Gates ave.
288	Pittsford	Monroe	1st Monday	Bacon's residence, So. Main st.
289	Broadalbin	Fulton	1st Saturday, 2 P. M	G. A. R. Hall
290	Corinth	Saratoga	1st and 3d Friday P. M.	I. O. O. F. Hall
291	South Butler	Wayne	Call of Commander	I. O. O. F. Hall, Main st.
292	Brocton	Chautauqua	2d and 4th Saturday, 2 P. M.	G. A. R. Hall
293	Rockland	Sullivan	1st and 3d Saturday, 2 P. M.	Dodge's Hall
294	Hoosick Falls	Rensselaer	1st Wednesday	G. A. R. Hall
295	Sherman	Chautauqua	Second Friday afternoon	W. R. C. Hall
296	Canaseraga	Allegany	4th Wednesday	Windsor Hall
297	Randolph	Cattaraugus	1st Saturday	Osgood's, Main st.
298	Kendall	Orleans	2d and 4th Saturday	Kidder's Hall
299	Batavia	Genesee	2d and 4th Saturday	G. A. R. Hall

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300	H. H. Vebber	23	April —, 1902	W. J. Horton	Black River
301	Capt. Wm. A. Jackson	36	Jan. 20, 1894	Francis A. Clark	128 West Main st.
302	Crosby	12	Oct. 19, 1884	G. H. Seagrare, Adjt.	Brewster
303	Charles R. Lilly	6	Oct. 20, 1882	T. C. Townsend	Canandaigua
306	G. W. Flower	19	Nov. 8, 1882	John Seymour	Theresa
307	Edwin D. Morgan	52	Jan. 1, 1884	John K. Darragh	35 Morningside ave
309	John McKee	5	Nov. —, 1883	Willard Lawton	Cambridge
310	Capt. Fancher	9	Nov. 2, 1882	Orrin W. Bump	Conewango Valley, R. F. D. No. 2
311	Garrett	18	Nov. 11, 1884	Joel C. Fisk	Liberty
313	Peter Cooper	61	Mar. 3, 1886	Christopher A. Farrell	560 West 180th st.
314	Theodore Schlick	5	Dec. 21, 1882	David Brown	Wayland
316	B. C. Butler	7	Oct. 22, 1888	E. George Dunklee	Hadley
320	John Hance	4	Jan. 19, 1886	H. N. Burr	Williamson
323	Joe Spratt	60	Dec. 29, 1882	C. W. Sloat	406 Franklin ave.
324	William Sackett	9	July 15, 1882	James Bond	Westfield
325	Charles T. Harris	11	Dec. 30, 1882	D. F. Frantsye	Ovid
326	A. M. Cook	13	Jan. 2, 1883	George L. Tucker	Greenwich
327	U. S. Grant	154	Jan. 30, 1883	Charles H. Dix	228 New York Ave.
330	Adam Goss	16	Jan. 17, 1883	Thos. H. Stritch	189 Carleton ave., Bklyn
332	Wesley Rolfe	10	Jan. 18, 1882	Seth Graves	Wellsville, R. F. D. No.
333	Sawyer	11	Feb. 18, 1883	Albertus Burr	Whitesville
335	Lou Washburn	12	Jan. 18, 1883	A. C. Vaughan	Fort Ann
336	Dexter	26	Feb. 9, 1883	George H. Blackman	Wellsville
338	John A. Griswold	23	Feb. 27, 1883	George M. Lemon	1202 6th ave., W'vliet
341	Phineas Catlin	9	Mar. 12, 1883	John L. Halpin	Odessa
346	H. T. Martyn	29	Mar. 8, 1883	R. W. Barrows, Sr.	Canton
349	C. L. Skeels	4	Mar. 12, 1883	George Humphrey	Gasport
350	Whittlesey	28	Mar. 12, 1883	P. H. Pierson	23 College st., Bingham'r
352	J. S. Stone	11	Mar. 19, 1883	J. H. Brissette	Saranac, R. F. D.
353	Edward Hunting	23	Mar. 24, 1883	James Henry Young	Orient
354	Ransom	44	Mar. 26, 1883	James C. Birge	Ogdensburg
356	Alonzo Smith	13	Mar. 29, 1883	Charles W. Scudder	St. Johnsville
357	Rust	4	May 5, 1883	Israel S. Rickard	Great Valley
358	Joseph Jones	10	Mar. 30, 1883	Elijah H. Baker	Marietta
359	Darby	16	Mar. 30, 1883	L. W. Henry	Gowanda
362	George Ricard	15	Feb. 17, 1887	John S. Hayes	394 Classon ave.
363	H. L. Aldrich	17	April 19, 1883	H. P. Steenberge	Brushton
364	S. G. Button	5	July 21, 1891	Dennis A. Dewey	West Winfield
365	D. L. Downing	13	April 21, 1883	John W. Campbell	Glen Cove
366	Walter H. Benedict	26	May 7, 1883	John H. Moffitt	Plattsburg
367	Melzar Richards	16	April 23, 1883	D. H. Barnard	Mexico
368	Alfred M. Wood	23	Sept. 21, 1889	William H. Beers	685 Nostrand av., Bklyn
369	Lewis Gates	21	April 30, 1883	A. H. Hunt	Honeoye Falls
370	Duncan Lendrum	4	May 14, 1883	*James A. Harsha	Argyle
372	W. W. Angle	23	May 2, 1883	M. E. Crane	Addison
373	Oliver McAllister	10	May 3, 1883	J. S. Dwyer	Antwerp
376	W. E. Hunt	12	May 15, 1883	DeWitt Clark	De Ruyter
378	Charles Lawrence	11	May 28, 1883	William Croft	Port Chester
379	D'Avignon	12	May 21, 1883	J. W. Nye	Wilmington
380	Sherwood	12	July 24, 1891	Philo Gates	Salamanca
381	De Alton Cooper	36	June 6, 1883	Robert Hoffman	Adams Center
382	E. S. Gilbert	5	June 15, 1883	J. L. Wallace	Livonia

* Deceased.

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300	Black River	Jefferson	1st and 3d Wednesday, 1:30 P. M.	I. O. O. F. Hall
301	Middletown	Orange	1st Tuesday	State Armory
302	Brewster	Putnam	Irregularly	Masonic Hall
303	Cheshire	Ontario	1st and 3d Friday	Fire Department Hall
306	Theresa	Jefferson	1st and 3d Monday	G. A. R. Hall
307	New York	New York	2d and 4th Wednesday	Masonic Temple, 126th st. and Lenox ave.
309	Cambridge	Washington	1st and 3d Saturday	Pierce's Hall, Main st.
310	Leon	Cattaraugus	2d and 4th Saturday, 2 P. M	G. A. R. Hall
311	Liberty	Sullivan	1st Saturday, 2 P. M.	N. Main st., G. A. R. Hall
313	New York	New York	1st and 3d Saturday	The Park & Tilford Building, 310 Lenox ave.
314	Wayland	Steuben	At Call of Commander	Bank Building, Main st.
316	Luzerne	Warren	2d and 4th Thursday, 2 P. M.	Odd Fellows Hall
320	Williamson	Wayne	Irregularly	Grange Hall
323	Watertown	Jefferson	2d and 4th Monday	G. A. R. Hall, Stone st.
324	Westfield	Chautauqua	1st Friday, 2 P. M.	City Hall
325	Ovid	Seneca	2d and 4th Sunday, 3 P. M.	County Building
326	Greenwich	Washington	1st Saturday, 2 P. M.	I. O. O. F. Temple, Academy st.
327	Brooklyn	Kings	2d and 4th Tuesday	U. S. Grant Hall, 489 Washington ave.
330	New York	New York	1st Wednesday	69th Regt. Armory, Lexington ave. and 26th st.
332	Stanards	Allegany	1st Wednesday, 2:30 P. M.	Home of Comrade W. H. Donihi
333	Whitesville	Allegany	1st Saturday, 2 P. M.	Lincoln Hall
335	Fort Ann	Washington	1st Saturday, 1 P. M.	G. A. R. Hall
336	Wellsville	Allegany	2d and 4th Saturday, 2 P. M.	City Hall
338	Troy	Rensselaer	3d Wednesday, each month	Court House
341	Odessa	Schuyler	1st and 3d Saturday	Town Hall
346	Canton	St. Lawrence	1st Saturday, 2 P. M.	Town Hall, Main st.
349	Hartland	Niagara	Call of Commander	Comrade's homes
350	Union	Broome	1st and 3d Saturday, 2 P. M.	Red Men's Hall
352	Saranac	Clinton	2d and 4th Saturday, 2 P. M.	Grange Hall
353	Greenport	Suffolk	1st Thursday	Post Hall
354	Ogdensburg	St. Lawrence	1st Tuesday	G. A. R. Hall, 53 Fordst.
356	St. Johnsville	Montgomery	4th Tuesday	Engine house, Center st.
357	Great Valley	Cattaraugus	2d Saturday	Town Hall
358	Marcellus	Onondaga	3d Wednesday	Masonic Club House
359	Gowanda	Cattaraugus	2d and 4th Saturday, P. M.	Potter Hall
362	Brooklyn	Kings	1st Friday	574 Broadway
363	Brushton	Franklin	2d and 4th Tuesday, 2 P. M.	G. A. R. Hall
364	West Winfield	Herkimer	2d Wednesday	Residence of D. A. Dewey
365	Glen Cove	Nassau	1st Wednesday	Town Hall
366	Plattsburg	Clinton	4th Tuesday, 4 P. M.	Maccabee Hall
367	Mexico	Oswego	1st and 3d Saturday, 2 P. M.	The Snell Block
368	Jamaica	Queens	1st Thursday	Fraternity Hall, Herriman ave.
369	Honeoye Falls	Monroe	1st Thursday	Masonic Hall, Main st.
370	Argyle	Washington	1st Thursday	I. O. O. F. Hall
372	Addison	Steuben	Last Saturday, 7 P. M.	C. L. Crane Law Office
373	Antwerp	Jefferson	1st Friday	Farrell's Hall
376	De Ruyter	Madison	1st and 3d Tuesday P. M.	Home of some Comrade
378	Port Chester	Westchester	2d and 4th Tuesday	Municipal Bldg., Willet ave.
379	Jay	Essex	May and December	G. A. R. Hall
380	Salamanca	Cattaraugus	2d and 4th Friday, 2 P. M.	City Hall
381	Adams	Jefferson	1st and 3d Thursday, 2 P. M.	G. A. R. Hall
382	Livonia	Livingston	1st Saturday afternoon	S. O. V. Rooms

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385	H. J. Botchford	13	May 19, 1883	C. M. Thomas	Port Leyden
386	C. D. Nash	5	July 13, 1883	Charles Shults	South Dayton
389	Philander Cook	6	Aug. 13, 1883	Josiah Casselman	Panama
391	C. J. Powers	50	Aug. 8, 1883	J. F. Genthner	53 Conkey ave.
392	A. A. Curtis	13	Aug. 9, 1883	George S. Williams	Geneseo
393	William O. Stevens	16	Aug. 14, 1883	Charles Heacox	Dunkirk
394	Robert Anderson	35	Feb. 29, 1876	Michael B. Wood	134 West 91st st.
397	E. G. Marshall	62	Sept. 7, 1883	Henry Elson	29 Warner st.
398	J. J. Peck	11	Sept. 10, 1883	C. D. Churchill	Akron
399	Clarence D. Mackenzie	16	Sept. 20, 1883	Uleric P. Eshleman	846 Flatbush ave.
403	E. D. Holt	21	Oct. 5, 1883	L. H. Derby	Fredonia
404	Aaron Helmer	25	Sept. 20, 1883	Clinton Beckwith	Herkimer
406	Myron M. Fish	9	Oct. 11, 1883	J. W. Speller	Ontario
409	I. F. Quinby	24	Mar. 13, 1897	Thomas W. Wark	36 Earl st.
410	Albert Dennis	15	Oct. 13, 1883	John B. Bezenah	Clayton
411	Angell	7	Oct. 13, 1883	A. J. Steinbarge	Mooers
412	Wilbert Fuller	6	Oct. 13, 1883	A. F. Bennett	Bergen
413	G. W. Chadwick	12	April 7, 1888	Wm. E. Kimball	Sauquoit
415	Alfred I. Hooker	5	Nov. 15, 1883	John Lavine, S. V.	Morristown R. F. D. No. 2
416	Wilson Dean	14	Nov. 9, 1883	R. B. Davidson	Horseheads, R. F. D. No. 2
417	Craig W. Wadsworth	12	Nov. 7, 1883	Milo S. Goldthwaite	Nunda
418	Isaac Waterbury	11	Nov. 9, 1883	William Shrader	Mallory
421	Captain Gibson	11	Mar. 4, 1892	Milo H. Felton	Brasher Falls
423	D. B. Smith	10	Nov. 17, 1883	Emory Johnson	Valois
424	James B. Campbell	17	Nov. 17, 1883	David H. Taylor	Alexandria Bay
425	Col. Hiram Anderson	22	Nov. 17, 1883	Edwin W. Kinney	Massena
426	Samuel Ackerly	9	Nov. 17, 1883	N. S. Ackerly	Northport
427	W. W. Woodworth	8	Mar. 19, 1898	Byron Van Name	Rushford
428	B. Frank Maxson	5	Nov. 24, 1883	T. T. Burdick	Alfred
429	John F. Smith	6	Nov. 26, 1883	J. D. Wilder	Sinclairville
431	Teller	21	Dec. 14, 1883	C. D. Hall	Neversink
432	W. B. Ransom	17	Dec. 14, 1883	John Fidinger	Clarence
434	Hiram Sherman	11	Dec. 20, 1883	W. H. Belchamber	Mexico R. F. D. No. 4
435	Abel Smith-1st L. I	87	June 30, 1870	William B. Price	121 Wierfield st.
436	Veteran	23	Dec. 27, 1883	Henry Montague	New Durham, N. J.
438	William E. Avery	6	Dec. 29, 1883	Theodore P. Kellogg	Interlaken
439	G. L. Pierce	8	Mar. 3, 1884	David T. Smith	Forestville
440	N. J. Swift	23	Jan. 2, 1884	C. W. Bourne	Hamburg
441	E. V. Mayhew	21	Jan. 4, 1884	John M. Wilcox	Three Mile Bay
442	Wm. A. Miles	6	Jan. 19, 1884	H. L. Bentley	Greene
444	John B. Burrud	7	Jan. 24, 1884	F. E. Peck	Marion
445	A. J. Chestnut	8	Jan. 29, 1884	Wm. B. Clawson	Lodi
448	Searle	7	Mar. 1 1884	Elmer Langworthy	Brookfield
451	Adam Wirth	8	Feb. 21, 1883	Charles Buser	226 17th st.
455	Francis E. Pierce	47	Mar. 14, 1902	I. H. Chatfield	555 Tremont st.
456	J. E. Parce	10	Mar. 4, 1884	D. M. Webster	So. Otselic
457	Sanders	8	Mar. 4, 1884	W. B. West	Cicero
458	Noah L. Farnham	23	Mar. 22, 1894	Andrew Boyd	65 West 92d st.
459	Mark L. Scoville	16	Nov. 30, 1898	Charles D. Chilson	Mount Morris

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385	Port Leyden	Lewis	No regular meetings	
386	South Dayton	Cattaraugus	Call of Commander	Rowe's Hall
389	Panama	Chautauqua	2d and 4th Friday	Office of Ambrose Cross
391	Rochester	Monroe	1st and 3d Monday	City Hall Annex, Exchange st.
392	Geneseo	Livingston	2d Tuesday	S. of V. Hall
393	Dunkirk	Chautauqua	3d Thursday	City Hall
394	New York	New York	1st Saturday	301 Eighth ave.
397	Rochester	Monroe	1st and 3d Tuesday	City Hall Annex, 39 Exchange st.
398	Akron	Erie	2d Monday, 2 P. M.	Grange Hall
399	Brooklyn	Kings	1st Tuesday	Room 7, Borough Hall
403	Fredonia	Chautauqua	2d and 4th Saturday, 2 P. M.	Barker St. School House
404	Herkimer	Herkimer	1st Saturday afternoon	Royal Arcanum Hall, N. Main st.
406	Ontario	Wayne	4th Wednesday, 2 P. M.	Grange Hall
409	Rochester	Monroe	2d and 4th Thursday evening	City Hall Annex, Exchange st.
410	Clayton	Jefferson	1st and 3d Friday, 2 P. M.	Odd Fellows Hall
411	Mooers	Clinton	2d Monday	G. A. R. Hall, Mill st.
412	Bergen	Genesee	1st Friday, 2:30 P. M.	Town Hall
413	Sauquoit	Oneida	2d and 4th Saturday, 2 P. M.	G. A. R. Hall
415	Morristown	St. Lawrence	2d Tuesday	Masonic Hall
416	Millport	Chemung	Last Saturday, 2 P. M.	White's Hall
417	Nunda	Livingston	1st and 3d Thursday, 2:30 P. M.	G. A. R. Hall
418	Central Square	Oswego	2d and 4th Saturday, 2 P. M.	Grange Hall
421	Winthrop	St. Lawrence	2d and 4th Saturday, 2 P. M.	Grange Hall
423	Valois	Schuyler	2d and 4th Wednesday	K. of P. Hall
424	Alexandria Bay	Jefferson	1st Saturday	Firemen's Hall
425	Massena	St. Lawrence	2d and 4th Saturday, 2 P. M.	Maccabee Hall
426	Northport	Suffolk	1st and 3d Tuesday	G. A. R. Hall
427	Rushford	Allegany	3d Saturday, 2 P. M.	Town Hall
428	Alfred	Allegany	At Call of Commander	Grange Hall
429	Stockton	Chautauqua	Last Saturday	Grange Hall
431	Grahamsville	Sullivan	1st Saturday, 2 P. M.	Odd Fellows Hall
432	Clarence	Erie	1st Tuesday in quarter, 2 P. M.	I. O. O. F. Temple
434	Vermillion	Oswego	2d and last Saturday, 2 P. M.	G. A. R. Hall
435	Brooklyn	Kings	2d Monday	879-881 Gates ave.
436	New York	New York	3rd Thursday	301 Eighth ave., N. W. corner 25th st.
438	Interlaken	Seneca	Call of Commander	Masonic Building
439	Forestville	Chautauqua	4th Jan., April, July and Oct.	Adjutant's Office
440	Hamburg	Erie	3rd Monday	Library Building, Center st.
441	Three Mile Bay	Jefferson	Call of Commander	Grange Hall
442	McDonough	Chenango	2d Wednesday	Comrades' Homes
444	Marion	Wayne	1st Saturday afternoon	Homes of Comrades
445	Lodi	Seneca	1st and 3d Wednesday	G. A. R. Hall
446	Brookfield	Madison	2d and 4th Saturday	G. A. R. Hall
451	College Point	Queens	2d Wednesday, 3 P. M., Mar., June, Sept. and Dec.	Exempt Firemen's Hall, 140th st., near High st.
455	Rochester	Monroe	2d and 4th Monday	City Hall Annex, 37 Exchange st.
456	South Otselic	Chenango	Last Saturday, 2 P. M.	Office of D. M. Webster
457	Cicero	Onondaga	At call of Commander	G. A. R. Hall
458	New York	New York	3rd Sunday, 3 P. M.	Tuxedo Hall, cor. Madison ave. and 59th st.
459	Mount Morris	Livingston	2d Tuesday, Mar., June, Sept., and Dec.	G. A. R. Hall, Main st.

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461	Walter C. Hull	33	Mar. 10, 1884	J. W. Emblem	Chemung
464	Dawson	5	Mar. 17, 1884	William Tucker	Spencer
466	Cromwell	19	Mar. 19, 1884	E. B. Long	White Plains
467	Obed Wheeler	10	Dec. —, 1898	James Newman	Amenia
470	Monroe Brundage	10	Mar. 22, 1884	Hiram Morrison	Hammondsport
471	Bolton	13	Mar. 25, 1884	Wm. Rochester	599 Second ave.
475	John W. Davis	6	April 21, 1884	L. A. Wolcott	Painted Post
477	John A. Logan	39	April 28, 1888	S. S. Cornell	Stamford
478	Chester Bishop	6	May 12, 1884	C. H. Ostrander	Glenwood
481	Edward Seaman	7	May 7, 1884	John Deming	Andover
482	J. Parson Stone	38	May 12, 1884	W. W. Elden	Camden
483	John Plasket	18	May 15, 1884	E. Van Steenberg	Hancock
484	C. D. Beaumont	6	June 12, 1884	C. W. Rowe	Keeseville
486	Wm. H. Long	7	Aug. 17, 1895	Frank Danes	Penn Yan
487	Hartshorn	8	June 3, 1884	Lewis Hunt	Schaghticoke
491	C. E. Mills	10	June 19, 1884	George Scott	Fort Edward
493	Plumb	10	June 18, 1884	R. H. Griffin	Sherburne
494	A. A. Hoff	15	July 1, 1884	Rev. Chas. L. Shergur	Union Springs
495	Ketcham	7	July 1, 1884	C. M. Woolsey	Milton
496	Ward B. Burnett	21	July 1, 1884	Arthur Humphreys	61 Main st.
499	McPherson-Doane	56	Dec. 4, 1896	Thos. J. McConekey	504 Lexington ave.
500	B. F. Middleton	16	Aug. 3, 1884	W. H. Davis	289 Decatur st.
501	Remington	5	July 22, 1884	O. M. Helmer	Savannah
502	Wilbur Haver	10	Aug. 30, 1884	Lloyd S. Crandall	Angelica
504	Durkee	10	Aug. 6, 1884	Adnor W. Johnson	St. Regis Falls
505	Hagadorn	8	Aug. 25, 1884	Francis A. Cooper	Halsey Valley
506	Arthur Smith	31	Aug. 21, 1884	John B. Buffum	East Aurora
507	Marcy	9	Aug. 15, 1884	Marcus B. Walker	Avoca
508	Alansen Crosby	29	April 6, 1891	James Dempsey	Franklinville
509	Flandreau	12	Dec. 2, 1887	Eben Adams	211 Elm st.
514	John W. Watson	27	Sept. 24, 1884	William Caniff	Catskill
515	D. W. Washburn	27	Sept. 26, 1884	E. M. Morse	Watkins
516	Farragut-Naval	24	Sept. 26, 1884	Henry J. Kearney	311 Westside ave., Jersey City, N. J.
521	John P. Jenkins	10	Jan. 29, 1889	Thomas W. Hilyer	Suffern
523	R. M. Starring	10	Oct. 23, 1884	W. H. Bartlett	86 Main st.
524	Richmond	30	Nov. 22, 1884	Bernard Mullin	Port Richmond, S. I.
525	F. M. Leonard	10	Nov. 20, 1884	A. C. Bickford	Copenhagen
526	James E. Jenkins	12	Jan. 14, 1889	George G. Clark	Vernon Center
527	D. B. P. Mott	32	Dec. 2, 1884	W. H. Patterson	Freeport
531	William Wood	9	Jan. 3, 1885	W. D. Jennings	Long Lake
532	James S. Knowlton	15	May 18, 1891	Thomas Hughes	169 Margueretta st.
533	C. F. Hammond	21	Jan. 9, 1885	Henry I. Raine	Crown Point
534	George C. Strong	32	Jan. 10, 1885	Samuel Irvine	918 Lafayette ave.
535	Henry C. Lyon	6	Jan. 13, 1881	J. C. Albright	Pulteney
538	William Gurney	3	Jan. 24, 1884	William W. Hulse	Hinckley
539	General Logan	12	Jan. 27, 1885	P. H. Garrity	Chatham
542	E. L. Hayward	28	Feb. 26, 1885	Gregory J. Langmeyer	80 Langmeyer ave.
544	Moses A. Baldwin	14	Mar 11, 1885	Thomas V. Smith	Hempstead
546	Emslie	10	Mar. 23, 1885	Thomas Taft	Cornwall-on-Hudson
549	Knox	16	Mar. 13, 1884	L. F. French	Savona

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461	Waverly	Tioga	1st and 3d Saturday, 2 P. M.	Town Hall
464	Spencer	Tioga	1st Sunday	Town Hall
466	White Plains	Westchester	1st Thursday	G. A. R. Hall, 2 Spring st.
467	Amenia	Dutchess	1st Wednesday, 2:30 P. M.	Grange Hall
470	Hammondsport	Steuben	Last Friday, P. M.	Red Men's Hall, Sheather st.
471	Troy	Rensselaer	1st and 3d Wednesday	G. A. R. Hall, Second ave. and 17th st.
475	Caton	Steuben	Call of Commander	Private residences
477	Stamford	Delaware	1st Monday, 11 A. M.	Masonic Hall
478	Colden	Erie	2d Saturday afternoon	G. A. R. Hall
481	Andover	Allegany	1st and 3d Saturday	G. A. R. Hall
482	Camden	Oneida	Every Saturday afternoon	G. A. R. Hall
483	Hancock	Delaware	1st and 3d Friday, 7 P. M.	G. A. R. Hall
484	Keeseville	Essex		Barber shop of M. Savage
486	Penn Yan	Yates	1st and 2d Tuesday	Kerney's Printing Office
487	Schaghticoke	Rensselaer	2d Saturday, 4 P. M.	G. A. R. Hall, Main st
491	Fort Edward	Washington	4th Thursday afternoon	Town Clerks office, 177 B'way
493	Sherburne	Chenango	2d Wednesday	Fuller & Trusdale's office
494	Union Springs	Cayuga	1st and 3d Tuesday, 1:30 P. M.	Everett Hall
495	Milton	Ulster	1st and 4th Sunday afternoon	Woolsey's Hall
496	Tarrytown	Westchester	1st and 3d Tuesday	Vanderbilt Hall, 54 Main st.
499	Brooklyn	Kings	1st and 3d Saturday	Johnston Bldg., 12 Nevins st.
500	Brooklyn	Kings	1st and 3d Saturday	897 Gates ave.
501	Savannah	Wayne	Last Thursday	Flag Salt Hall
502	Angelica	Allegany	Call of Commander	I. O. O. F. Hall
504	St. Regis Falls	Franklin	2d and 4th Saturday, 10:30 A. M.	I. O. O. F. Hall
505	Halsey Valley	Tioga	2d and 4th Saturday, P. M.	G. A. R. Hall
506	East Aurora	Erie	1st Monday, 2 P. M.	East End Firemen's Hall
507	Avoca	Steuben	Call of Commander	Commander's home
508	Franklinville	Cattaraugus	1st and 3d Tuesday afternoon	G. A. R. Hall
509	New Rochelle	Westchester	2d Friday, 8 P. M	City Hall
514	Catskill	Greene	2d and 4th Saturday afternoon	G. A. R. Hall, 347 Main st.
515	Watkins	Schuyler	2d and 4th Friday	G. A. R. Hall
516	New York	New York	3d Tuesday	69th Reg't Armory, Lexington ave., 25th and 26th sts.
521	Suffern	Rockland	1st and 3d Saturday afternoon	Odd Fellows Hall
523	Silver Creek	Chautauqua	4th Friday	G. A. R. Hall
524	Port Richmond	Richmond	1st Saturday	Masonic Hall
525	Copenhagen	Lewis	Every Tuesday, 10 A. M.	G. A. R. Hall
526	Vernon	Oneida	2d Saturday afternoon	Fireman's Hall
527	Freeport	Nassau	2d and 4th Saturday	I. O. O. F. Hall
531	Long Lake	Hamilton	Call of Commander	Residence C. B. Hanmer
532	Toronto	Canada	3d Saturday, 2:30 P. M.	Sons of England Hall, cor. Berti and Richmond sts.
533	Crown Point	Essex	4th Friday, 2 P. M.	G. A. R. Hall
534	Brooklyn	Kings	2d and 4th Saturday, except 4th Sat. in July and 2d Sat. in August	23d Inf. Armory, 1322 Bedford avenue
535	Pulteney	Steuben	2d Tuesday	19 Clinton ave.
538	Bay Shore	Suffolk	Call of Commander	Residence, Wm. W. Hulse
539	Chatham	Columbia	2d and 4th Saturday, 2 P. M.	Tracy Memorial Hall
542	Buffalo	Erie	2d and 4th Tuesday	Herner's Hall, 246 Sycamore st.
544	Hempstead	Nassau	2d Wednesday	Hempstead Bank Building
546	Cornwall-on-Hudson	Orange	4th Tuesday	Corporation Rooms
549	Savona	Steuben	1st Saturday, 2 P. M.	Town Hall

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551	Ballard	11	April 7, 1885	Frank Bassett	Taberg
553	Robert Orr	8	April 6, 1885	B. M. Stanton	Holland
557	Gen. Jas. McQuade	15	May 18, 1885	Isidore Isaacs	1342 Franklin ave.
559	William G. Mitchell	15	June 20, 1885	J. H. Lounsberry	249 West 135th st.
560	Robert J. Marks	19	June 20, 1885	*John McCloskey	125 Briggs ave., Richmond Hill
562	A. T. Bailey	15	Oct. —, 1885	John Meagher	Chateaugay
563	A. H. Tanner	16	July 15, 1885	Thomas Covil	Whitehall
564	Fairchild	11	Aug. 15, 1885	C. G. Hunt	Walden
565	J. N. Warner	4	Aug. 18, 1885	J. B. Brown	Woodhull
570	A. L. McDougall	5	Aug. 22, 1886	Wm. J. Cruikshank	Salem
572	Treman	7	Sept. 23, 1885	F. B. Fish	Trumansburg
575	John J. Wheeler	10	Oct. 26, 1885	W. J. Rounsavell	Warwick
576	Weaver	12	Oct. 30, 1885	Geo. W. Crumb	Smyrna
578	Horace B. Claflin	28	April 10, 1888	T. H. Robertson	2853 Bainbridge ave.
582	H. H. Beecher	6	May 18, 1893	Daniel T. Banner	Bainbridge
583	Moses Dennis	6	Mar. 5, 1868	A. Murphy	Jasper
587	Wm. M. Collin	16	April 14, 1886	Hiram Hyde	Hudson Falls
588	Wm. T. Sherman	12	April 13, 1891	Wm. Williamson	Natural Bridge
589	Cyrus Adams	8	Oct. 22, 1895	W. H. Sears	Frewsburg, R. F. D.
590	John C. Fremont	11	May 28, 1886	William Riley	Philipsburgh Building 2–8 Hudson st.
594	Robert W. Livingston	9	June 15, 1888	J. E. Henry, Sen. Vice	Keene
597	Gen. John B. Murray	11	July 8, 1886	Daniel Cameron	Phelps
598	Ryder	7	July 20, 1886	George A. Harris	Highland Falls
600	Lloyd Aspinwall	27	July 17, 1876	James R. Silliman	510 West 112th st.
603	A. & I. Van Nostrand	10	Dec. 30, 1886	John S. Pitt	Fillmore, R. F. D. No.
604	Frank Mann	12	Nov. 13, 1886	M. K. Ellsworth	Frankfort
607	James Monroe	20	Mar. 5, 1887	William Leggett	2862 Briggs ave.
608	George H. Bolster	12	Feb. 19, 1887	M. B. Snook	Fayetteville
609	John Stevenson	11	Mar. 10, 1887	Joseph Hibbard	Oswego, R. D. No. 7
613	Tracey	6	April 4, 1887	P. A. Foster	Apalachin
615	Joseph H. Warren	5	July 2, 1887	F. T. Sleight	Verona
617	Henry Gridley	11	Sept. 17, 1887	Ward Van De Bogart	Millerton
619	Col. Elmer E. Ellsworth	18	Aug. 12, 1887	John J. Ashman	Mechanicville
621	F. M. Bull	12	July 23, 1897	Warren Flanders	Saranac Lake
623	Gen. A. S. Diven	15	Aug. 11, 1897	Edwin Morris	7 Symond place
624	Carey W. Miner	5	May 18, 1888	John Lines	Georgetown
627	Lewis O. Conklin	7	June 18, 1888	Abram Bentley	Port Jefferson
628	Sheridan	10	June 20, 1888	Charles Schonberg	64 Railroad ave., Coron
630	Gen. Philip H. Sheridan	15	July 11, 1888	Edward Lafay	Waterford
632	Selah Cornwell	4	July 16, 1888	Francis Flynn	Merrifield
633	John P. Buckley	6	Aug. 12, 1897	H. B. Pierson	Belleville
636	John Corning	8	Mar. 26, 1892	B. L. Dunbar	Howard Beach, L. I.
640	C. M. Pierce	6	April 14, 1902	James E. Jones	North Cohocton
641	J. C. Walters	12	Oct. 24, 1889	James Wright	Cold Spring Harbor
642	John C. Lasson	9	Oct. 15, 1889	F. M. Bartholomew	Clemons
643	H B. Knickerbocker	10	Nov. 25, 1889	Geo. W. Lyon	Amityville
644	William A. Jackson	23	Dec. 31, 1889	Geo. E. Dutcher	274 Hamilton st.

* Deceased.

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551	Taberg	Oneida	1st and 3d Saturday, 2 P. M.	G. A. R. Hall
553	Holland	Erie	2d Tuesday afternoon	Office of B. M. Stanton, Main st
557	New York	New York	2d Sunday afternoon	"Tuxedo," cor. Madison ave. and 59th st.
559	New York	New York	2d Wednesday	Community Building, cor. 127th st. and Lexington ave.
560	Elmhurst	Queens	1st and 3d Monday	Exempt Firemen's Hall, B'way
562	Chateaugay	Franklin	2d Tuesday, 1:30 P. M.	Beman Hall
563	Whitehall	Washington	1st Wednesday, 7:30 P. M.	Griswold Hall
564	Walden	Orange	2d Saturday	Laughern Hall, Oak st.
565	Woodhull	Steuben	4th Friday, 1 P. M.	Commander's Home
570	Salem	Washington	1st Friday	Rooms of Union Engine and Hose Co. No. 1
572	Trumansburg	Tompkins	1st and 3d Friday	G. A. R. Hall, Main st.
575	Warwick	Orange	2d Sunday, 2 P. M.	G. A. R. Hall
576	Smyrna	Chenango	2d Saturday, 1:30 P. M.	At homes of Comrades
578	New York	New York	3d Thursday	Phoenix Bank Building, 125th st. and Lexington ave.
582	Bainbridge	Chenango	Call of Commander	Homes of Comrades
583	Jasper	Steuben	1st Saturday	Wallace Hall, Main st.
587	Hudson Falls	Washington	2d Friday	Clement's Hall, Main st.
588	Natural Bridge	Jefferson	Alternate Saturday, 2:30 P. M.	G. A. R. Rooms
589	Frewsburg	Chautauqua	Call of Commander	Home of P. E. Miller
590	Yonkers	Westchester	4th Thursday	Philipsburg Building
594	Keene Valley	Essex	1st Saturday	Town Hall
597	Phelps	Ontario	2d and 4th Wednesday, 2 P. M.	G. A. R. Rooms, Gibson Block
598	Highland Falls	Orange	Call of Commander	Goodsell Hall, Main st.
600	New York	New York	2d Thursday	Ft. Washington ave. and 168th st., 22d Regt Armory
603	Short tract	Allegany	2d Saturday	Pitts Hall
604	Frankfort	Herkimer	2d Saturday afternoon	K. of P. Hall, Pleasant ave.
607	New York	New York	1st Thursday	Armory, 168th st. near Broadway
608	Manlius	Onondaga	2d and 4th Wednesday afternoon	Smith Hall, Seneca st.
609	S. W. Oswego	Oswego	1st and 3d Tuesday, 1:30 P. M.	Grange Hall
613	Apalachin	Tioga	1st Saturday	G. A. R. Hall
615	Verona	Oneida	2d and 4th Tuesday	G. A. R. Hall
617	Millerton	Dutchess	2d Saturday, 2 P. M.	Odd Fellows Hall, Main st.
619	Mechanicville	Saratoga	1st and 3d Wednesday	K. of P. Hall
621	Saranac Lake	Franklin	1st and 3d Tuesday	Ledger's Hall
623	Elmira	Chemung	1st and 3d Thursday, 8 P. M.	State Armory, Church st.
624	Georgetown	Madlison	Call of Commander	At home of Commander
627	Port Jefferson	Suffok	1st Monday	G. A. R. Hall, Water st.
628	Long Island City	Queens	2d Saturday	Queens Co. Court House, Jackson ave.
630	Waterford	Saratoga	2d and 4th Tuesday	Town Hall
632	Scipio	Cayuga	4th Saturday	Snyder's Hall
633	Belleville	Jefferson	4th Friday	I. O. O. F. Hall
636	Rockaway Beach	Queens	2d Wednesday, 8 P. M.	Gerrey's Hall
640	North Cohocton	Steuben	1st and 3d Saturday, 2 P. M.	G. A. R. Hall
641	Huntington	Suffolk	1st Saturday, 2 P. M.	Sammis Hall, Main st.
642	Clemons	Washington	4th Feb. May, Aug. and Nov.	Comrades Homes.
643	Amityville	Suffolk	2d Tuesday afternoon	Post Rooms
644	Albany	Albany	2d and 4th Tuesday	G. A. R. Hall, Court House

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646	L. W. Truesdall	20	Feb. 17, 1890	Asa S. Noble	Owego
647	Anthony Stacey	16	Feb. 17, 1890	A. E. Stacey	Elbridge
648	Col. Randall	6	June 16, 1891	Oscar Forger	Liverpool
649	Gregory	11	June 18, 1891	Richard C. Phillips	Prattsburg
652	Hannibal Hamlin	5	Nov. 27, 1891	W. T. Peel	538 Waterloo st.
654	Elijah Ward	9	Nov. 11, 1891	Henry B. Hendrickson	Roslyn
655	Wm. T. Wickham	6	Mar. 31, 1892	Edward Smallman	Cattaraugus
656	Henry A. Barnum	16	May 2, 1892	Albert H. Terry	Riverhead
659	Charles H. Bentley	9	June 6, 1892	Nicholas Lawliss	Cadyville
660	Tilton	6	June 23, 1892	R. G. Moses	Cuylerville
661	C. N. Campbell	5	Nov. 10, 1894	John E. Banks	Pawling
663	R. D. Pettit	10	Sept. —, 1890	Reuben Terpening	Ira
664	J. P. Spofford	9	Sept. 8, 1892	Levi Helmer	Dolgeville
665	S. S. Craig	10	Sept. 12, 1892	Geo. H. Dingmon	Porter Corners
667	R. B. Hayes	14	Feb. 16, 1893	Duane P. Babcock	Fayetteville
670	Ben Higgins	14	June 7, 1893	Daniel Stryker	East Syracuse
671	Gen. John E. Wool	15	April 25, 1905	G. W. Moore	5 Ball pl.
672	J. M. McDowell	7	May 15, 1915	W. H. Hathaway	370½ Fulton st.

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646	Owego	Tioga	2d and 4th Saturday, P. M.	G. A. R. Rooms, Lake st.
647	Elbridge	Onondaga	2d and 4th Saturday	G. A. R. Rooms
648	Liverpool	Onondaga	1st Saturday, 7:30 P. M	Comrades Homes
649	Prattsburg	Steuben	Call of Commander	Masonic Hall
652	London	Canada	Call of Commander	Home of Commander
654	Roslyn	Nassau	Call of Commander	Quartermaster's house, Garden st.
655	Otto	Cattaraugus	2d Wednesday	Town Hall
656	Riverhead	Suffolk	1st and 3d Saturday, 3 P. M.	G. A. R. Hall
659	Morrisonville	Clinton	2d Wednesday of every third month	J. H. Goods office
660	Leicester	Livingston	2d Tuesday, 2 P. M.	G. A. R. Hall, Main st.
661	Pawling	Dutchess	1st Saturday	Pawling Savings Bank
663	Lysander	Onondaga	1st Saturday	G. A. R. Rooms
664	Dolgeville	Herkimer	2d Wednesday, 7:30 P. M.	Exempt Fireman's Hall
665	Middle Grove	Saratoga	2d and 4th Saturday, 1:30 P. M.	I. O. O. F. Hall
667	Fayetteville	Onondaga	2d Saturday, 3 P. M.	G. A. R. Hall
670	East Syracuse	Onondaga	1st and 3d Wednesday	Village Hall
671	Watervliet	Albany	2d and 4th Thursday	Maccabees Hall, 1st ave.
672	Elmira	Chemung	1st and 3d Sunday afternoon	Partridge st.

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TOPICAL GUIDE

TO THE

Laws Now in Force Relating to the Grand Army of the Republic and Veterans of the War of the Rebellion

ELEVENTH EDITION—1920

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

For many years, the proceedings of the Department contained numbers of statutes relating to our Order and the right of veterans, printed apparently from the slips as issued by the Secretary of State. For the proceedings of last year, my distinguished predecessor in the office of Judge-Advocate, Judge Lewis E. Griffith, availing himself of the enactment of the Consolidated Laws, arranged the compilation which appeared in the last report. I have used all the laws which he had collected and have added a considerable number to them. No attempt has been made to compile all the laws relating to the Grand Army of the Republic and veterans of the War of the Rebellion, but an attempt has been made to compile all which would ordinarily be required to obtain a comprehensive view of the subject. This Guide is arranged by subjects in alphabetical order and a separate index is, therefore, omitted. All citations are omitted. On a future occasion, the writer may find the time to compile a short digest of useful authorities in regard to veterans' rights.

I have been greatly aided by Mr. W. Burt Cook, Jr., Assistant Librarian, Law Library in Brooklyn, in obtaining the materials used in this Guide:

In addition to the usual abbreviations, the following are employed in this Guide:

a. Amended by or thus amended.

c. Chapter.

C. Consolidated Laws.

C. C. P. Code of Civil Procedure.

Charter. Greater New York Charter, e. L. 1897, c. 378; revised, L. 1901, c. 466.

const. Constituting.

e. Enacted by.

L. Laws.

The Consolidated Laws are thus indicated:

Benev. Orders for Benevolent Orders Law, const. c. 3 C., e. L. 1909, c. 11.

Civil Serv. for Civil Service Law, const. c. 7 C., e. L. 1909, c. 15.

County for County Law, const. c. 11 C., e. L. 1909, c. 16.

Educ. for Education Law, const. c. 16 C., e. L. 1909, c. 21; a. Generally L. 1910, c. 140.

El. for Election Law, const. c. 17 C., e. L. 1909, c. 22.

Executive for Executive Law, const. c. 18 C., e. L. 1909, c. 23.

Gen. Bus. for General Business Law, const. c. 20 C., e. L. 1909, c. 25.

Gen. City for General City Law, const. c. 21 C., e. L. 1909, c. 26.

Gen. Cons. for General Construction Law, const. c. 22 C., e. L. 1909, c. 27.

Gen. Munic. for General Municipal Law, const. c. 24 C., e. L. 1909, c. 29.

Highway for Highway Law, const. c. 25 C., e. L. 1909, c. 30.

Jud. for Judiciary Law, const. c. 30 C., e. L. 1909, c. 35.

Memb. Corp. for Membership Corporation Law, const. c. 35 C., e. L. 1909, c. 40.

Mil. for Military Law, const. c. 36 C., e. L. 1909, c. 41.

Penal for Penal Law, const. c. 40 C., e. L. 1909, c. 88.

Poor for Poor Law, const. c. 44 C., e. L. 1909, c. 46.

Pub. Bldgs. for Public Buildings Law, const. c. 44 C., e. L. 1909, c. 48.

Pub. Off. for Public Officers Law, const. c. 47 C., e. L. 1909, c. 51.

St. Char. for State Charities Law, const. c. 55 C., e. L. 1909, c. 57; a. L. 1909, c. 258.

St. Fin. for State Finance Law, const. c. 56 C., e. L. 1909, c. 58.

State for State Law, const. c. 57 C., e. L. 1909, c. 59.

State Printing Law, const. c. 58 C., e. L. 1909, c. 60.

Tax for Tax Law, const. c. 60 C., e. L. 1909, c. 62.

Town for Town Law, const. c. 62 C., e. L. 1909, c. 63.

Vill. for Village Law, const. c. 64 C., e. L. 1909, c. 64.

J. D. BELL.

Dated, Brooklyn, N. Y., *June* 14, 1910.

NOTE TO SECOND EDITION.

The foregoing introduced the Topical Guide as it appeared in the Proceedings of the Forty-fourth Annual Encampment of 1910.

The Guide seems to have commended itself to the Comrades of the Department, and I have therefore prepared a second, and I trust an improved, edition of it, for the Proceedings of the Forty-fifth Annual Encampment. The amendments made by the Legislature of 1911 have been incorporated in the text, and according to a promise heretofore made, a few useful authorities on veterans' rights and privileges have been added. It was at first intended to keep the citations separate from the Guide, but more mature reflection has convinced me that they will be of greater service when printed in connection with the statutory provisions to which they relate. No attempt has been made to make the annotations exhaustive, the design has been, rather, to select only those of practical use, and references to decisions construing a different state of the law have been excluded. In making these citations, the ordinary abbreviations have been employed, and it has therefore not been deemed necessary to explain them, except to point out that A. G. R. and A. G. O. refer respectively to the annual reports of the Attorney-General of the State and to Sickles' compilation of the opinions of the Attorneys-General. In all other respects the Guide remains unchanged.

I cannot close without expressing my deep obligations to my friend, Mr. Cook, for invaluable assistance in the preparation of this edition.

Dated, Brooklyn, June 6, 1911. J. D. BELL.

NOTE TO THIRD EDITION.

The amendments made by the Laws of 1912 have been incorporated in the text and a few minor errors corrected.

Dated, Brooklyn, October 16, 1912. J. D. BELL.

NOTE TO FOURTH EDITION.

The amendments made by the Laws of 1913 have been incorporated in the text.

There is a very considerable body of legislation in the Laws of 1913 which does not fall within the scope of this manual, but is otherwise of interest to veterans of the Civil War, among which may be mentioned chapter 413, providing for Andersonville Monument Commission; chapter 532, providing for the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation; chapter 550, providing for New York Battle Fields Commission for the battle fields of Gettysburg, Chattanooga and Antietam; chapter 717, providing for a Monument to the Twenty-fifth New York Cavalry in the District of Columbia; chapter 725, providing for the appropriation of $150,000 for the celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg; chapter 734, in relation to the monument to Gen. N. M. Curtis, formerly Department Commander, at Ogdensburg, N. Y.; and chapter 761, providing for a monument to Meagher's Irish Brigade and Corcoran's Irish Legion, in New York City. J. D. BELL.

Dated, Brooklyn, October 20, 1913.

NOTE TO FIFTH EDITION.

The amendments made by the Laws of 1914 have been incorporated in the text and some changes made in the annotations.

Dated, Brooklyn, September 24, 1914. J. D. BELL.

NOTE TO SIXTH EDITION.

The amendments made by the laws of 1915 have been incorporated in the text and some errors have been corrected.

Dated, Brooklyn, August 13, 1915. J. D. BELL.

NOTE TO SEVENTH EDITION.

The amendments made by the Laws of 1916 have been incorporated in the text, a few corrections made in the annotations and a new topic "Retirements and Pensions" added.

Dated, Brooklyn, August 24, 1916. J. D. BELL.

NOTE TO EIGHTH EDITION.

The amendments made by the Laws of 1917 have been incorporated in the text. There is pending a concurrent resolution to amend the Constitution of the State in regard to preference. It has passed the present Legislature by the necessary two-thirds vote and has been referred by it to the Legislature to be chosen in 1918. It extends the preference for military or naval service, but seems to leave the preference to the Civil War veterans untouched.

The resolution reads as follows:

"Section 1. *Resolved* (if the Assembly concur), That section nine of article five of the constitution be amended to read as follows:

"§ 9. Appointments and promotions in the civil service of the state, and of all the civil divisions thereof, including cities and villages, shall be made according to merit and fitness to be ascertained, so far as practicable, by examinations, which, so far as practicable, shall be competitive; provided, however, that honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines who have served as such in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States in the time of war, and who are citizens and residents of this state, shall be entitled to preference in appointment and promotion over all others, without regard to their standing on any list from which such appointment or promotion may be made, in the following order:

"1. All honorably discharged soldiers, sailors or marines who served as such in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States during the civil war;

"2. All honorably discharged soldiers, sailors or marines who served as such in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States during the war with Spain or the insurrection in the Philippine Islands prior to July fourth, nineteen hundred and two, who were residents of this state at the time of enlistment.

"Laws shall be made to provide for the enforcement of this section."

Dated, November 1, 1917.

NOTE TO NINTH EDITION.

I have inserted the amendments made by the Laws of 1918 in their proper places. It is worthy of remark that by chapter 345 of the Laws of 1918 three thousand dollars was appropriated for the transportation and maintenance of survivors of the Seventy-ninth Regiment of New York Veteran Volunteers (Highlanders) and certain other persons and for the dedication of a monument to said veterans erected on the battlefield of Knoxville, Tennessee.

I have inserted, as being of interest to our patriotic order, section 674 of the Education Law, added by chapter 246 of the Laws of 1918, which provides for the exclusion of any text-book from the public schools of this State containing disloyal matters or statements. That section reads as follows:

> "§ 674. **Text-books containing seditious or disloyal matter.** No text-book in any subject used in the public schools in this state shall contain any matter or statements of any kind which are seditious in character, disloyal to the United States or favorable to the cause of any foreign country with which the United States is now at war. A commission is hereby created, consisting of the commissioner of education and of two persons to be designated by the regents of the University of the state of New York, whose duty it shall be on complaint to examine text-books used in the public schools of the state, in the subjects of civics, economics, English, history, language and literature, for the purpose of determining whether such text-books contain any matter or statements of any kind which are seditious in character, disloyal to the United States or favorable to the cause of any foreign country with which the United States is now at war. Any person may present a written complaint to such commission that a text-book in any of the aforesaid subjects for use in the public schools of this state or offered for sale for use in the public schools of this state contains matter or statements in violation of this section, specifying such matter or statements in

detail. If the commission determine that the text-book against which complaint is made contains any such matter or statements, it shall issue a certificate disapproving the use of such text-book in the public schools of this state, together with a statement of the reasons for its disapproval, specifying the matter found unlawful. Such certificate of disapproval of a text-book, with a detailed statement of the reasons for its disapproval, shall be duly forwarded to the boards of education or other boards or authorities having jurisdiction of the public schools of the cities, towns or school districts of this state, and after the receipt of such certificate the use of a text-book so disapproved shall be discontinued in such city, town or school district.

"Any contract hereafter made by any such board of education or other school authorities for the purchase of a text-book in any of such subjects, which has been so disapproved, shall be void. Any school officer or teacher who permits a text-book in any of such subjects, which has been so disapproved, to be used in the public schools of the state, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

J. D. BELL.

Dated, Brooklyn, September 23, 1918.

NOTE TO THE TENTH EDITION.

I have inserted the amendments made by the Laws of 1919 in their proper places and made no other change in the Guide.

Dated, Brooklyn, August 18, 1919.

J. D. BELL.

NOTE TO THE ELEVENTH EDITION.

I have inserted the amendments made by the Laws of 1920 in their proper places and made no other change in the Guide.

Dated, Albany, October 1, 1920.

B. FRANKLIN RAZE,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Appropriations — *See* Memorial Day and Monuments
Armories — *See* Post Meeting Rooms
Auctions, Right to Sell at — *See* Privileges
Badge and Button — *See* Protection
Bureau of Records — *See* War Records

BURIAL AND BURIAL PLOTS

§ 84. *Burial of soldiers, sailors or marines.* The board of supervisors in each of the counties shall designate some proper person or commission, other than that designated for the care of poor persons, or the custody of criminals, who shall cause to be interred the body of any honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine, who has served in the military or naval service of the United States, or the body of the wife or widow of any soldier, sailor or marine, married to him previous to nineteen hundred and eighteen, who shall die such widow, and who shall hereafter die without leaving sufficient means to defray his or her funeral expenses, but such expenses shall in no case exceed seventy-five dollars. If the deceased has relatives or friends who desire to conduct the burial, but are unable or unwilling to pay the charge therefor, such sum shall be paid by the county treasurer to the person so conducting such burial upon due proof of the claim, made to such person, or commission of the death and burial of the soldier, sailor or marine, or the wife or widow of such soldier, sailor or marine, and audit thereof. Such interment shall not be made in a cemetery or cemetery plot used exclusively for the burial of poor persons deceased, and the board of supervisors of each county is hereby authorized and empowered to purchase and acquire lands, or to appropriate money for the purchase and acquisition of lands, for a cemetery or cemetery plot for the burial of any such honorably discharged soldiers, sailors or marines and their wives and widows and also to provide for the care, maintenance, or improvement of any cemetery or plot where such honorably discharged soldiers, sailors or marines and their wives and widows are buried or may hereafter be buried. (A. L. 1915, c. 445; a. L. 1919, c. 110.)

§ 85. *Headstones to be provided.* The grave of any soldier, sailor or marine who has been or hereafter shall be honorably discharged from service in the army or navy of the United States or of the wife or widow of such an honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine, whose body has been heretofore or shall hereafter be interred pursuant to the last preceding section, the grave of any honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine who served in the army or navy of the United States who shall have been heretofore buried in any of the counties of this state, but whose grave is not marked by a suitable headstone, and who died without leaving means to defray the expenses of such headstone, or whose grave shall have remained unmarked for twenty-five years by a suitable headstone, shall be marked by a headstone containing the name of the deceased, the war in which he served, and, if possible, the organization to which he belonged or in which he served. The headstone at the grave of the wife or widow of such an honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine shall contain the name of the deceased, the war in which her husband served, and, if possible, the organization to which he belonged or in which he served. Such headstone shall not cost more than fifty dollars, and shall be of such design and material as shall be approved by the board of supervisors, and the expenses of such burial and headstone as above provided for, and a reasonable sum for the services of the person or commission designated in section eighty-four and the necessary expenses of said person or commission, shall be a charge upon and shall be paid by the county in which the said soldier, sailor or marine, or the wife or widow of such soldier, sailor or marine, shall have died; and the board of supervisors or other board or officer vested with like powers, of the county of which such deceased soldier, sailor or marine, or the wife or widow of such soldier, sailor or marine, was a resident at the time of his or her death, is hereby authorized and directed to audit the account and pay the expenses of such burial and headstone, and a reasonable sum for the services of the person or commission designated in section eighty-four and the necessary expenses of said person or commission; provided, however, that in case such deceased soldier, sailor or marine, or the wife or widow of such soldier, sailor or marine, shall be at the time

of his or her death an inmate of any state institution, including state hospitals and soldiers' homes, or any institution, supported by the state and supported by public expense therein, the expense of such burial and headstone shall be a charge upon the county of his or her legal residence. It shall be the duty of the person or commission in this article provided prior to the annual meeting of the board of supervisors to make an annual report to such board of supervisors of all applications since the last annual report for burial and the erection of tombstones as provided herein together with the amounts allowed; all applications herein referred to shall accompany said annual report and be placed and kept on file with the board of supervisors. (A. L. 1915, c. 147; a. L. 1920, c. 199.)

includes: ANNOTATIONS

Mexican war veterans. A. G. R., 1896:242–43.
veterans even though not honorably discharged. A. G. R., 1911 (Feb. 25).
expense chargeable to county of residence, though death occur in another county. A. G. R., 1889:182–83; A. G. R., 1910:590–92.
"without leaving means," construed. People ex rel. Brown v. Prendergast, 146 A. D. 713 [1911].

2. BURIAL PLOT AND REMOVAL OF REMAINS (Town)

§ 336. *Soldiers' burial plot* — The town board in each of the towns of this state may upon the application in writing of any veteran soldiers' association in the town, or upon a petition in writing of five or more veteran soldiers in towns where no veteran soldiers' organization exists, purchase or provide a soldiers' plot in one or more cemeteries where no burial plots are now owned by soldiers' organizations, in which burial plots deceased soldiers may be interred, and except in the county of Broome, may also provide for the annual care of soldiers' burial plots in cemeteries, at the rate of not to exceed fifty cents for each soldiers' grave in such burial plot or plots and the expense shall be included in the town expenses, assessed, levied and collected in the same manner as other town expenses are levied and collected.

In the county of Broome, the board of supervisors shall provide for the annual care of soldiers' burial plots, either heretofore or hereafter established, in all cemeteries in such county, at the rate aforesaid, and the expense thereof shall be a county charge

audited, assessed, levied and collected in the same manner as are other county charges. (A. L. 1914, c. 235.)

§ 337. *Removal of remains of deceased soldiers* — Upon a verified petition presented to a judge of a court of record by any soldiers' organization in any town or city in this state by a majority of its officers, or a majority of any memorial committee in any town or city where there are two or more veteran soldiers' organizations, upon the petition of five or more veteran soldiers, the judge to whom said verified petition is presented shall make an order to show cause returnable before him at a time and place within the county in not less than fourteen nor more than twenty days from the date of presentation of said petition, why the remains of any deceased soldiers buried in potter's field, or in any neglected or abandoned cemeteries, should not be removed to and reinterred in a properly kept incorporated cemetery in the same town or city or in a town adjoining the town or city in which the remains of a deceased soldier are buried, and to fix the amount of the expenses for such removal and reinterment, and the order to show cause shall provide for its publication in a newspaper, to be designated in the order, which is published nearest to the cemetery from which the removal is sought to be made, once in each week for two successive weeks. The verified petition presented to the judge shall show that the petitioners are a majority of the officers of a veteran soldier organization, or a majority of a memorial committee in towns or cities where two or more veteran soldier organizations exist, or that the petitioners are honorably discharged veteran soldiers in towns or cities where no veteran soldier organization exists, and (1) the name of the deceased soldier or soldiers whose remains are sought to be removed, and if known the company and regiment in which he or they served; (2) the name and location of the cemetery in which he is interred and from which removal is asked to be made; (3) the name and location of the incorporated cemetery to which the remains are desired to be removed and reinterred; (4) the facts showing the reasons for such removal. Upon the return day of the order to show cause and at the time and place fixed in said order, upon filing proof of publication of the order to show cause with the judge, if no reason or objection is made thereto, he shall make an

order directing the removal of the remains of said deceased soldier or soldiers to the cemetery designated in the petition within the town or city or within a town adjoining the town or city in which the remains are then buried and shall specify in the order the amount of the expenses of such removal, which expenses of removal and reinterment, including the expense of the proceeding under this section, shall be a charge upon the county in which the town or city is situated from which the removal is made and such expenses shall be a county charge and audited by the board of supervisors of the county and paid in the same manner as other county charges. On and after the removal and reinterment of the remains of the deceased soldier or soldiers in the soldiers' plot, the expenses for annual care of the grave in the soldiers' burial plot to which the removal is made shall be annually provided by the town or city in which the remains were originally buried, at the rate of not to exceed fifty cents per grave and shall be paid annually to the incorporated cemetery association to which the remains of each deceased soldier may be removed and reinterred. The petition and order shall be filed in the county clerk's office of the county in which the remains of the deceased soldier were originally interred, and the service of a certified copy of the final order upon the cemetery association shall be made prior to any removal. Any relative of the deceased soldier or soldiers, or the officer of any cemetery association in which the remains of the deceased soldier or soldiers were originally interred, or the authorities of the county in which the soldier or soldiers were originally buried, may oppose the granting of said order and the judge shall summarily hear the statement of the parties and make such order as the justice and equity of the application shall require. Any headstone or monument which marks the grave of the deceased soldier shall be removed and reset at the grave in the cemetery in which the removal is permitted to be made and in each case the final order shall provide the amount of the expenses of such removals and reinterment and resetting of the headstone or monument, including the expenses of the proceedings under this section; except that where provision is otherwise made for the purchase or erection of a new headstone, monument or marker at the grave in the cemetery to which such removal is

permitted, such old headstone or monument need not be so removed and reset, in which case such final order shall not provide for the expense of resetting. The order shall designate the person or persons having charge of the removals and reinterments. Upon completion of the removal, reinterment and resetting of the headstones or monuments, the person or persons having charge of the same shall make a verified report of the removal, reinterment and resetting of the headstone or monument and file the report in the clerk's office of the proper county. The word "soldier" shall be construed to mean an honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine who served in the army or navy of the United States, and the words "soldiers' plot," shall be construed to mean a plot of land in any incorporated cemetery set apart to be exclusively used as a place for interring the remains of deceased veteran soldiers of the United States.

Annotations

applies only to soldiers' graves within such town plots, not to private burial plots. A. G. R., 1910:589–90.

CHILDREN OF VETERANS

1. No Fees on Appointing Certain Guardians (C. C. P.)

§ 2499. *Fees for copying or recording papers* — * * * On the appointment of a guardian, if it appears that the application is made for the purpose of enabling the minor to receive bounty, arrears of pay or prize money, or pension due, or other dues or gratuity from the federal or state government, for the services of the parent or brother of such minor in the military or naval service of the United States, no fees shall be charged or received. (A. L. 1914, C. 443 — part of former § 2501 without change.)

2. Preference, Cornell University (Educ.)

§ 1037. *State scholarships in Cornell University* — The several departments of study in Cornell university shall be open to applicants for admission thereto at the lowest rates of expense consistent with its welfare and efficiency, and without distinction as to rank, class, previous occupation or locality. But, with a view to equalize its advantages to all parts of the state, the institu-

tion shall receive students to the number of one each year from each assembly district in this state, to be selected as hereinafter provided, and shall give them instruction in any or in all the prescribed branches of study in any department of said institution, free of any tuition fee or of any incidental charges to be paid to said university, unless such incidental charges shall have been made to compensate for materials consumed by said students or for damages needlessly or purposely done by them to the property of said university. The said free instruction shall, moreover, be accorded to said students in consideration of their superior ability, and as a reward for superior scholarship in the academies and public schools of this state. Said students shall be selected as the legislature may from time to time direct, and until otherwise ordered as follows:

1. A competitive examination, under the direction of the education department, shall be held at the county court-house in each county of the state, upon the first Saturday in June, in each year, by the city superintendents and the school commissioners of the county.

2. None but pupils of at least sixteen years of age and of six months' standing in the common schools or academies of the state, during the year immediately preceding the examination, shall be eligible.

3. Such examination shall be upon subjects designated by the president of the university and upon question papers prepared under the direction of the commissioner of education.

4. The city superintendents and school commissioners of each county shall immediately after the close of the examination forward to the commissioner of education all answer papers submitted by candidates in such examination, all statements of candidates and a report of the names of candidates in such form as the commissioner of education shall require.

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7. In certifying the qualifications of the candidates, preference shall be given, where other qualifications are equal, to the children of those who have died in the military or naval service of the United States.

8. Notices of the time and place of the examinations shall be

given in all the schools having pupils eligible thereto, prior to the first day of January in each year, and shall be published once a week, for three weeks, in at least two newspapers in each county immediately prior to the holding of such examinations. * * *

9. * * * Students enjoying the privileges of free scholarships shall, in common with the other students of said university, be subject to all the examinations, rules and requirements of the board of trustees or faculty of said university, except as herein provided.

2. Preference in State School for Blind (Educ.)

§ 991. *Requisites for admission* — All blind persons of suitable age and capacity for instruction, who are legal residents of the state, shall be entitled to the privileges of the New York state school for the blind, without charge, and for such a period of time in each individual case as may be deemed expedient by the board of trustees of said school; provided, that whenever more persons apply for admission at one time than can be properly accommodated in the school, the trustees shall so apportion the number received, but each county may be represented in the ratio of its blind population to the total blind population of the state; and provided further, that the children of citizens who died in the United States service, or from wounds received therein during the late rebellion, shall take precedence over all others.

Civil Service — *See* Preference and Removal
Constitution, Rights of Veterans under — *See* Preference

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK, G. A. R.

1. Incorporated (L. 1885, c. 11)

Section 1. Ira M. Hedges, of Haverstraw, department commander; Lester P. Thompson, of Phelps, senior vice-department commander; James C. Carlyle, of New York, junior vice-department commander; George B. Squires, of Brooklyn, assistant adjutant-general; Horatio N. Wood, of Haverstraw, assistant quartermaster-general; John H. Dye, M. D., of Buffalo, medical director; S. S. Ballou, of Dalton, chaplain; William C. Reddy, of New York, judge-advocate; James S. Graham, of Rochester, inspector, and Robert Keith, of Troy, chief mustering officer, being

the officers of, and Theodore L. Poole, of Syracuse, John Beattie, of New York, Herman W. Thum, of New York, William H. Bright, of Utica, and I. Samuel Johnson, of Warsaw, being the elected members of the council of administration of, and their associates, the delegates from subordinate posts, to the department encampment of the voluntary association, known as the Grand Army of the Republic, within the limits of the state of New York, and their successors as such officers and delegates, are hereby created a body politic and corporate, in fact and in name, by the name of "The Department of New York Grand Army of the Republic," and as such shall have the right to sue and be sued, to purchase and hold, and to take by gift, devise and bequest, real and personal estate, not to exceed in the aggregate, in value, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, and to sell and dispose of the same as occasion may require, to have a corporate seal and at pleasure to alter and change the same, and to have succession, that is, this charter shall not determine nor said corporate existence cease except by act of legislature, so long as there shall be one hundred or more members of said Grand Army of the Republic in good standing under its rules, residing within the limits of the state of New York, who shall desire the continuance of the same.

§ 2. The objects of said corporation shall be:

1. To preserve and strengthen those kind and fraternal feelings which bind together the soldiers, sailors and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion, and to perpetuate the memory and history of those who died that the nation might live.

2. To assist such former comrades in arms who may need help and protection, and to extend needful aid to the widows and orphans of our deceased comrades.

3. To maintain true allegiance to the United States of America, based upon a paramount respect for, and fidelity to, the national constitution and laws, to discountenance whatever tends to weaken loyalty, incites to insurrection, treason or rebellion, or in any manner impairs the efficiency and permanency of our free institutions, and to encourage the spread of universal liberty, equal rights and justice to all men.

§ 3. The management and disposition of the property of said corporation shall be vested in a board of fifteen trustees, to be

composed of the fifteen persons first named in section one of this act, and their successors in office, who shall be annually selected in the manner provided for by the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic. Said trustees shall severally hold office till their respective successors shall have duly qualified in accordance with said rules and regulations. They shall constitute, and be known, also, as the "department council of administration," and shall have all the powers vested in department councils of administration by said rules and regulations. Except for the defrayment of the necessary and current expenses of said corporation, and for salaries, the appropriation of funds by said trustees shall be by and with the consent of a majority of the members of said corporation, who shall be present at regularly called meetings or department encampments. Vacancies in the board of trustees shall be filled in the manner provided in rules and regulations aforesaid for filling vacancies in department councils of administration.

§ 4. The corporation hereby created shall have the powers of and be subject to the restrictions prescribed in title three, chapter eighteen, part one of the Revised Statutes of the state of New York.

§ 5. When said corporation shall be finally dissolved, its property remaining after payment of all its debts, shall become the property of the state of New York and be preserved in a museum to be provided therefor. (A. L. 1889, c. 92.)

2. Room in Capitol, Etc. (Pub. Bldgs.)

§ 5. *Room for the Grand Army of the Republic* — There shall continue to be set apart and suitably furnished by the superintendent of public buildings, the rooms in the capitol now under the charge of the commander of the Grand Army of the Republic for the department of New York, and such rooms so furnished shall remain under the charge of such commander and such officers who are members of such department as he or his successors may appoint, and be used by him and them for the purpose of storing the supplies and property of such Grand Army and its relics and mementoes of the war and arranging and preserving the history of individuals belonging to organizations of the state

who served in the army, navy or marine corps, during the late war of the rebellion, or of citizens of this state who served in the regular army, navy or marine corps of the United States, which such Grand Army of the Republic may collect and desire to preserve as a part of the history of the state. Such records shall be accessible at all times under suitable rules and regulations to members of the Grand Army of the Republic and others engaged in collecting historical information. The commander of the Grand Army of the Republic for the department of New York shall annually report to the legislature, on or before April first, such portions of the transactions of the Grand Army of the Republic as he deems to be of interest to that organization and to the people of the state.

By State Printing Law, § 11, one thousand copies of the report are to be printed for the use of the Grand Army.

EXEMPTION

1. FROM MILITARY DUTY (Mil.)

Section 1. *Persons subject to military duty; exemptions* — All able-bodied male citizens, between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years, who are residents of this state, shall constitute the militia, subject to the following exemptions:

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3. All persons in the army, navy or volunteer forces of the United States, or who have been honorably discharged therefrom.

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ANNOTATION

by reason of honorable discharge. A. G. O., 342–44 [1865].

2. FROM POLL TAX (Vill.)

§ 103. *Poll tax* — Unless a village decides not to impose a poll tax, all men, between the ages of twenty-one and seventy years, residing in the village, are liable to an annual poll tax of one dollar, except exempt firemen, active members of the fire de-

partment of the village, honorably discharged soldiers and sailors who lost an arm or leg in the service of the United States during the late war, or who are unable to perform manual labor by reason of injuries received or disabilities incurred in such service, clergymen and priests of every denomination, paupers, idiots and lunatics. * *

Annotations

receipt of pension not sufficient proof of disability. A. G. R., 1903:337–38; A. G. R., 1904:208–09.

probably applicable to village incorporated under special act. A. G. R., 1904:302–04.

3. From Labor for Removal of Snow (Highway.)

§ 79. *Assessment of labor for the removal of snow* — The town superintendent of a town in which the obstructions in the highways caused by snow shall be removed by the labor of persons and corporations liable to assessment in each town for highway taxes, pursuant to the last preceding section shall annually on or before November fifteenth divide the town into a convenient number of highway districts and file a description thereof in the office of the town clerk, and before such date shall make an estimate giving the probable number of days' labor needed during the following year for the removal of obstructions caused by snow in the highways and for the prevention of such obstructions and shall assess one day's labor upon each male inhabitant of the town above the age of twenty-one years, excepting honorably discharged soldiers and sailors who lost an arm or a leg in the military or naval service of the United States, or who are unable to perform manual labor, by reason of injuries received or disabilities incurred in such service, members of any fire company formed or created pursuant to any statute, and situated within such town, persons seventy years of age or over, clergymen and priests of every denomination, paupers, idiots and lunatics. The balance of such estimated number of days shall be apportioned and assessed upon the estate, real and personal, of every inhabitant of the town, including corporations liable to taxation therein, as the same shall appear by the last assessment-roll of the town, and upon each parcel or tract of land owned by the nonresidents, excepting such as are occupied by an inhabitant of the town, which

shall be assessed to the occupant. The assessment of labor for personal property must be in the district in which the owner resides, and real property in the district where it is situated, except that the assessment of labor upon the property of corporations may be in any district or districts of the town, and such labor may be worked out or commuted for as if the corporation were an inhabitant of the district; but the real property within an incorporated city or village exempted from the jurisdiction of the town superintendent, and personal property of an inhabitant thereof, shall not be assessed for such labor by the town superintendent. Whenever the assessors of any town shall have omitted to assess any inhabitant, corporation or property therein, the town superintendent shall assess the same, and apportion the labor as above provided. (Added by L. 1909, c. 488; a. L. 1910, c. 136.)

ANNOTATION

proper evidence of disability. A. G. R., 1889:73–74.

4. FROM EXECUTION; PENSIONS, ETC. (C. C. P.)

§ 1393. *Military pay, rewards, etc., exempt from execution and other legal proceedings* — The pay and bounty of a non-commissioned officer, musician or private in the military or naval service of the United States or the state of New York; a land warrant, pension or other reward heretofore or hereafter granted by the United States, or by a state, for military or naval services; a sword, horse, medal, emblem or device of any kind presented as a testimonial for services rendered in the military or naval service of the United States or a state; and the uniform, arms and equipments which were used by a person in that service, are also exempt from levy and sale, by virtue of an execution, and from seizure for non-payment of taxes, or in any other legal proceeding; except that real property purchased with the proceeds of a pension granted by the United States for military or naval services, and owned by the pensioner, or by his wife or widow, is subject to seizure and sale for the collection of taxes or assessments lawfully levied thereon.

ANNOTATIONS

Bounty and pay.

a. Exempted.

while in hands of person to whom paid. A. G. R., 1895:229.

given by pensioner to wife and used by her in purchasing real estate. Whiting v. Barrett, 7 Lans. 106 [1872].

received by deserter enlisting under assumed name. Youmans v. Boomhower, 3 T. & C. 21 [1874].

being exempt, gift by recipient of it to his wife not in fraud of creditors. Youmans v. Boomhower, 3 T. & C. 21 [1874]; Spaulding v. Keyes, 125 N. Y. 113 [1889].

property purchased with money received as retired pay. A. G. R., 1910 [Dec. 23].

b. Not exempted.

property purchased with bounty money or pay. A. G. R., 1902:286; A. G. R., 1911 [Mar. 27]; People ex rel. Kenny v. Reilly, 41 A. D. 378 [1899].

Pension. Wildrick v. DeVinney, 18 W. D. 355 [1884].

exemption, if attacked, must be enforced by action. King, in re, 24 A. D. 605 [1897].

waiver of provisions of act estops from relying on it thereafter. Omans v. Beeman, 66 Misc. 625 [1906].

"seizure" defined. Strohm, in re, 51 Misc. 481 [1910].

exemption personal to pensioner. A. G. R., 1894:215–18.

a. Exempted.

deposited in bank by pensioner in his own name. Burgett v. Fancher, 35 Hun 647 [1885]; Stockwell v. Bank of Malone, 36 Hun 583 [1885]; A. G. R., 1889:307–08.

loaned on bond and mortgage. A. G. R., 1890:135.

in whatever form found during pensioner's lifetime. A. G. R., 1895:225–26.

so long as it can be distinguished from other money. A. G. R., 1893:211.

not assets in executor's hands and not liable for payment of debts of deceased veteran. Hodge v. Leaning, 2 Dem. Surr. 553 [1884].

contra; if loaned on note, amount collected thereon is assets. Beecher v. Barber, 6 Dem. Surr. 129 [1888].

cannot be taken from father for support of his pauper child. St. Lawrence State Hospital v. Fowler, 15 Misc. 159 [1895]; aff'd 13 A. D. 436 [1897].

b. Not exempted.

used in business and losing its identity. A. G. R., 1891:208; Wygant v. Smith, 2 Lans. 185 [1869].

mother's pension, after her death, in favor of decedents not constituting her immediate family. Winans, in re, 5 Dem. Surr. 138 [1887].

deposited in bank and certificate of deposit taken in return. Kennedy, in re, 1 Con. Surr. 181 [1888]; Beecher v. Barber, 6 Dem. Surr. 129 [1888].

paid as interest does not exempt principal to its amount; nor when expended in improvements to real estate when assessed valuation of property is not thereby exempted. A. G. R., 1892:249.

Pension bought property.

a. Exempt.

to amount put into property, not surplus. Countryman v. Countryman, 28 Supp. 258 [1893].

occupied as home by pensioner and family. Buffum v. Forster, 77 Hun 27 [1894]; Yates County National Bank v. Carpenter, 119 N. Y. 550 [1890].

where purchased by soldier's widow with pension money due her late husband. Tyler v. Ballard, 31 Misc. 540 [1900].

b. Not exempted.

conveyed by grantee to his wife upon her oral agreement to reconvey; not exempt as against wife's creditors. Fritz v. Worden, 20 A. D. 241 [1897].

exemption waived by mortgaging property. Monroe v. Button, 20 Misc. 494 [1897].

c. Loss of exemption.

surety on bail bond may claim exemption by reason of purchase of property with pension money, although stating in the justification that it was not exempt. King v. Warren, 42 Misc. 317 [1903].

contra; exemption may be renounced. McMahon v. Cook, 107 A. D. 150 [1905].

5. FROM TAXATION; REAL PROPERTY BOUGHT WITH PENSION (Tax.)

§ 4. *Exemption from taxation* — The following property shall be exempt from taxation:

5. All property exempt by law from execution, other than an exempt homestead. But real property purchased with the proceeds of a pension, bonus or insurance granted by the United States or by this state for military or naval services, and owned by the pensioner, the person receiving the bonus or the insured, or by his wife or widow, is subject to taxation as herein provided. Such property shall be assessed in the same manner as other real property in the tax districts. At the meeting of the assessors to hear the complaints concerning assessments, a verified application for the exemption of such real property from taxation may be presented to them by or on behalf of the owner thereof, which application must show the facts on which the exemption is claimed, including the amount of pension, bonus or insurance money used in or toward the purchase of such property. No such exemption on account of pension, bonus or insurance money shall be allowed in excess of five thousand dollars. If the assessors are satisfied that the applicant is entitled to the exemption, and that the amount of pension, bonus or insurance money exempt to the extent authorized by this subdivision used in the purchase of such property equals or exceeds the assessed valuation thereof, they

shall enter the word "exempt" upon the assessment-roll opposite the description of such property. If the amount of such pension, bonus or insurance money to the extent authorized by this subdivision used in the purchase of the property is less than the assessed valuation, they shall enter upon the assessment-roll the words "exempt to the extent of ..... dollars" (naming the amount), and thereupon such real property, to the extent of the exemption entered by the assessors, shall be exempt from state, county and general municipal taxation, but shall be taxable for local school purposes, and for the construction and maintenance of streets and highways. If no application for exemption be granted, the property shall be subject to taxation for all purposes. The entries above required shall be made and continued in each assessment of the property so long as it is exempt from taxation for any purpose. The provisions herein, relating to the assessment and exemption of property purchased with a pension, bonus or insurance, apply and shall be enforced in each municipal corporation authorized to levy taxes. (A. L. 1914, c. 278; A. L. 1920, c. 413.)

exempt. ANNOTATIONS

a. Purchase.

with widow's pension. People ex rel. Scott v. Williams, 6 Misc. 185 [1893].

with proceeds of pension certificate. A. G. R., 1892:171–72.

by committee of lunatic in his own name, with lunatic's pension money. People ex rel. Canaday v. Williams, 90 Hun 501 [1895].

with pension money so far as it can be traced or distinguished. A. G. R., 1894:215–18; A. G. R., 1895:343–44.

with retired pay. A. G. R., 1910:682–84.

by pensioner with pension money, conveyed by him to his wife and reconveyed by her to pensioner. A. G. R., 1896:206–08.

must be purchased during pensioner's life. A. G. R., 1896:78–81.

by pensioner and conveyed by him to his wife before his death. A. G. R., 1902:280–81.

b. Tenancy.

must be occupied by pensioner, his wife or widow. A. G. R., 1902:280–81.

but part may be rented. A. G. R., 1910:673–75.

c. Extent of exemption.

assessment on exempt property void. Lapolt v. Maltby, 10 Misc. 330 [1894].

where pensioner's wife is tenant with him by the entirety, assessment in his name set aside. Toole v. Oneida County Supervisors, 13 A. D. 471 [1897].

to extent of amount invested, when assessed as one item; not intent of statute to make pro rata basis, depending upon extent of occupancy. A. G. R., 1911 [Jan. 31].

from tax to meet bonds for purpose of installing village water system. A. G. R., 1911 [May 15].

d. Personal property.
coal purchased with pension money and delivered at pensioner's house, exempt from levy for collection of school tax. Strong v. Walton, 47 A. D. 114 [1900].

e. Claim, by verified application to assessors. People ex rel. McGrane v. Rilley, 21 Misc. 363 [1897]; Baumgarten, in re, 39 A. D. 174 [1899]; Toal v. New York, City of, 175 N. Y. 69 [1901].
(personalty.) Clark v. Smith, 31 Misc. 490 [1900].

f. Exempt real property taxable for schools and highways. A. G. R., 1908: 494–95; A. G. R., 1909:631–33; People ex rel. Kenny v. Reilly, 41 A. D. 378 [1899]; Strong v. Walter, 47 A. D. 114 [1900].

g. Disabilities of owner.
may vote on incorporation or reincorporation of village. A. G. R., 1898:
may not vote on proposition at village election. A. G. R., 1908:539–41. 108–09.

not exempt.

a. Purchase.
by widow with proceeds of widow's pension. A. G. R., 1909:572–73.
by child with proceeds of minor's pension. A. G. R., 1907:437–39; A. G. R., 1909:554–55.
with bounty money or pay. A. G. R., 1911 [Mar. 27]; People ex rel. Kenny v. Reilly, 41 A. D. 378 [1898].

b. Residue above part purchased with pension money. Peek, in re, 80 Hun 122 [1894]; Murphy, in re, 9 Misc. 647 [1894].
(bounty.) People ex rel. Breed v. Wells, 10 Misc. 195 [1894].
if tax voluntarily paid upon whole property, owner estopped from recovering it from county. McKibben v. Oneida County, 25 A. D. 361 [1898].

6. FROM CERTAIN TAXABLE TRANSFERS (Tax.)

§ 221. *Exceptions and limitations.*— Any property devised or bequeathed * * * to any person who is a bishop or to any religious, educational, charitable, missionary, benevolent, hospital or infirmary corporation, wherever incorporated, including corporations organized exclusively for bible or tract purposes and corporations organized for the enforcement of laws relating to children or animals or real property to a municipal corporation in trust for a specific public purpose shall be exempted from and not subject to the provisions of this article. There shall also be exempted from and not subject to the provisions of this article personal property other than money or securities bequeathed to a corporation or associations wherever incorporated or located.

organized exclusively for the moral or mental improvement of men or women or for scientific, literary, library, patriotic, cemetery or historical purposes or for two or more of such purposes and used exclusively for carrying out one or more of such purposes. But no such corporation or association shall be entitled to such exemption if any officer, member or employee thereof shall receive or may be lawfully entitled to receive any pecuniary profit from the operations thereof except reasonable compensation for services in effecting one or more of such purposes or as proper beneficiaries of its strictly charitable purposes; or if the organization thereof for any such avowed purpose be a guise or pretense for directly or indirectly making any other pecuniary profit for such corporation or association or for any of its members or employees or if it be not in good faith organized or conducted exclusively for one or more of such purposes * * * (A. L. 1910, c. 600, c. 706; L. 1911, c. 732; L. 1916, c. 548; L. 1917, c. 53.)

THE FLAG

1. On Schools, Salute, Etc. (Educ.)

§ 710. *Purchase and display of flag* — It shall be the duty of the school authorities of every public school in the several cities and school districts of the state to purchase a United States flag, flag-staff and the necessary appliances therefor, and to display such flag upon or near the public school building during school hours, and at such other times as such school authorities may direct.

§ 711. *Rules and regulations* — The said school authorities shall establish rules and regulations for the proper custody, care and display of the flag, and when the weather will not permit it to be otherwise displayed, it shall be placed conspicuously in the principal room in the school-house.

§ 712. *Commissioner of education shall prepare program* — 1. It shall be the duty of the commissioner of education to prepare, for the use of the public schools of the state, a program providing for a salute to the flag and such other patriotic exercises as may be deemed by him to be expedient, under such regulations and in-

structions as may best meet the varied requirements of the different grades in such schools.

2. It shall also be his duty to make special provision for the observance in the public schools of Lincoln's birthday, Washington's birthday, Memorial day and Flag day, and such other legal holidays of like character as may be hereafter designated by law when the legislature makes an appropriation therefor.

2. ON THE CAPITOL (Pub. Bldgs.)

§ 4. *Powers and duties of superintendent* — The superintendent shall:

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5. Cause the flag of the United States and the state flag bearing the arms of the state, to be displayed upon the capitol building during the daily sessions of the legislature and on public occasions, and cause the necessary flagstaffs to be erected therefor. Cause the flag of the United States to be appropriately displayed at all times in the Senate chamber and in the Assembly chamber. The necessary expenses incurred thereby shall be paid out of the treasury on the warrant of the comptroller.

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3. NO FOREIGN FLAG TO BE DISPLAYED (Pub. Bldgs.)

§ 81. *Display of foreign flags on public buildings* — It shall not be lawful to display the flag or emblem of any foreign country upon any state, county or municipal building; provided, however, that whenever any foreigner shall become the guest of the United States, the state or any city, upon public proclamation by the governor or mayor of such city, the flag of the country of which such public guest shall be a citizen may be displayed upon such public buildings.

4. AMERICAN FLAG AT POLLING PLACES (El.)

§ 300-a. *Display of American flag*— The American flag shall be displayed in each polling place in this state by the board of inspectors during the hours when such boards are in session. The board, body or officer now charged with the duty of defraying the expenses of conducting primaries and elections shall furnish said

flag, which shall be approximately three feet by five feet in size. (Added L. 1913, c. 783.)

5. In Court Rooms of Inferior Criminal Courts in City of New York (L. 1910, c. 659)

§ 116. *American flag to be displayed in court rooms* — It shall be the duty of the officers, employee or person having the care of any court room used for any magistrate or court under this act to display the American flag supplied under the preceding section in each such room during all hours that any court provided for in this act is in session. Any officer, employee or person neglecting to comply with the requirements of this section shall thereby incur a penalty of ten dollars for each day that such neglect continues. (Added L. 1917, c. 399.)

Flag, Improper Use of — *See* Protection
Headstones — *See* Burial

HOME AT BATH

Article 5 (Pub. Bldgs.)

§ 60. *Trustees* — The property heretofore conveyed to the state by the corporation known as the Grand Army of the Republic soldiers' home of New York, and all property heretofore or hereafter acquired by the state for the same purpose, shall continue to be known as the New York State soldiers and sailors' home, and shall continue to be under the management and control of a board of trustees consisting of twelve members, of which the governor, attorney-general and the commander of the department of New York, Grand Army of the Republic, shall be *ex officio* members; and the remaining nine members shall be reputable citizens of the state appointed by the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, and each shall hold office for three years. No trustee shall receive any compensation for his services as such trustee or otherwise, except the trustee elected to act as secretary who may receive a reasonable annual compensation for his services, to be fixed by the board, with the approval of the comptroller, not exceeding the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars. The

board shall annually elect by ballot a president, secretary, treasurer and executive committee, but the offices of secretary and treasurer may be held by one trustee or separately as the board may determine. The board shall be known as the board of trustees of the New York state soldiers and sailors' home.

§ 61. *Powers of trustees* — The board of trustees shall have possession of all property belonging to or constituting such home and may complete the buildings therein already commenced or hereafter to be erected, and keep them in readiness for occupation with any funds appropriated therefor or that may come into their hands for such purpose, and may pay any existing indebtedness of such corporation which shall be or might become a lien upon such property or any part thereof. The board may make contracts in its name, subject to the approval of the comptroller, for work and materials for the completion of the buildings on such property, the furnishing thereof and of supplies for use and consumption therein, but shall spend no money and incur no indebtedness for such purpose beyond the appropriation previously made therefor by the legislature. It may adopt rules and regulations, subject to like approval, specifying the duties of the officers of the home, the government of its inmates, fixing the terms and conditions of admission thereto and the cause and manner of expulsion therefrom. The board may require and take in its name any security by way of bond or otherwise from any person appointed or elected by it, for the faithful performance of his duties, and for truly accounting for all moneys or property received by him for or on account of the board of trustees or in the performance of such duties. And the said board shall have power to organize and maintain a band, the same to be paid for out of the maintenance funds of the home, not exceeding six thousand dollars per annum.

§ 62. *Sale of liquor at home* — The board of trustees, upon complying with the provisions of the liquor tax law, are hereby authorized to sell ale and beer to the members of said home, upon the premises of said home, under such rules and regulations as said trustees shall prescribe, and the provisions of clause one, section twenty-three and clause six of section twenty-nine of said liquor tax law, shall not apply to the New York state soldiers and sailors' home.

§ 63. *Disposition of proceeds of sale* — The board of trustees shall expend the net proceeds of such sales for the support of the library and reading room of said home and for such other purposes as they shall deem best for the comfort and amusement of the inmates of said home.

§ 64. *Admission to home* — Every honorably discharged soldier or sailor who served in the army or navy of the United States during the late rebellion, the Spanish-American war or the insurrection in the Philippines, who enlisted from the state of New York, or who shall have been a resident of this state for one year preceding his application for admission, and who shall need the aid or benefit of such home in consequence of physical disability or other cause within the scope of the regulations of the board, shall be entitled to admission thereto, subject to the conditions, limitations and penalties prescribed by the rules and regulations of the board, provided preference of admission be given to veterans of the civil war in case of lack of accommodations. The board of trustees shall require an applicant for admission to such home to file with the application for admission his own affidavit of residence and such affidavit shall be received as prima facie evidence of the residence of such applicant in any action or proceeding against the county of his residence, in which the residence of such applicant shall be material. (A. L. 1912, c. 190.)

§ 65. *Transfer of inmates to State hospital* —Any soldier or sailor regularly admitted into the home found to be insane, may be transferred by an order of the president and secretary of the board of trustees and the superintendent of the home to any state hospital for the insane, there to remain at the expense of the home until legally discharged, and such expense shall be paid out of the maintenance fund of the home, at the same rate as is charged for the support of the county insane.

§ 66. *Annual report* — Such board shall, annually, on or before January fifteenth, make to the legislature a detailed report of all its receipts and expenditures and of all its proceedings for the previous year, with full estimates for the coming year verified by the president and treasurer.

§ 11. *Soldiers and sailors' home exempted* — The New York state soldiers and sailors' home is hereby exempted from the man-

agement and control of the state board of charities, and in respect to said institution said board is hereafter only to exercise its constitutional right to visit and inspect.

ANNOTATIONS.

ex-officio trustees abolished and home placed under supervision of fiscal supervisor by L. 1909, c. 149. A. G. R., 1910 [May 7].

contra; J. A., Opinion No. 2, 1911.

may not exchange tallow with private concern for soap; state finance law requires sales and purchases to be for cash. A. G. R., 1910 [May 3].

residents neither gain nor lose a voting residence. A. G. R., 1892:237; A. G. R., 1895:297–98; A. G. R., 1898:278–83; Silvey v. Lindsay, 107 N. Y. 55 [1887]; Smith, in re, 44 Misc. 384 [1904].

HOME AT OXFORD

ARTICLE 13 (St. Char.)

§ 250. *Establishment of home* — The home for the aged dependent veteran and his wife, veterans' mothers and widows and army nurses, known as "New York state woman's relief corps home," is hereby continued.

§ 251. *Board of managers* — The home shall be under the control of a board of seven managers, appointed in accordance with the provisions of section fifty-one of this chapter, a majority of whom shall be appointed from the members of the grand army of the republic of the department of New York and the woman's relief corps, auxiliary to the grand army of the republic, department of New York. Appointments shall be so made that there will be at all times four women and three men members of said board. (A. L. 1910, c. 449.)

§ 252. *Official oath* — Before entering on their duties the said managers shall respectively take and subscribe to the usual oath of office, which oath may be taken and subscribed before the judge of any court of record of this state, or any notary public having a seal, and shall be filed in the office of the secretary of state.

§ 253. *Organization of board* — It shall be the duty of said board of managers to elect a president, secretary and an executive committee from their number. (Renumbered L. 1910, c. 449.)

§ 254. *Report to legislature* — Said board of managers shall

annually on or before January fifteenth, make to the legislature a detailed report of its proceedings for the preceding fiscal year, together with a complete statement of its receipts and expenditures, the condition of the institution, and full estimates of the appropriation required for its maintenance, including therein ordinary repairs. It shall also include in its report a statement of any special appropriations required and the reasons therefor. (Renumbered L. 1910, c. 449.)

§ 255. *Admission to home* — Every honorably discharged soldier or sailor or marine who served in the army or navy of the United States, for a period not less than ninety days, during the war of the rebellion, and who shall have been a resident of this state for one year next preceding the application for admission, and the wife, widow and mother of any such honorably discharged soldier or sailor or marine, and army nurses who served in said army or navy and whose residence was at the time of the commencement of such service, or whose residence shall have been for one year next preceding his or her application for admission to said home within the state of New York, and who shall need the aid or benefit of said home in consequence of physical disability or other cause within the scope of the regulations of the board, shall be entitled to admission to said home after the approval of the application by the board of managers and subject to the conditions, limitations and penalties prescribed by the rules and regulations adopted by said board. Provided, however, said soldier or sailor or marine shall be a married man and shall be accompanied or attended by his wife during the time he may be an inmate of said home, and in case of the death of the wife, while an inmate of said home, the veteran may remain an inmate of said home with the consent of the superintendent, approved by the board of managers, but no wife or widow of a soldier or sailor or marine shall be admitted as an inmate of said home unless due and sufficient proof is presented of her marriage to such soldier or sailor or marine at least fifteen years prior to the date of such application. The board of managers shall require an applicant for admission to such home to file with the application for admission his own affidavit of residence and in addition thereto the affidavit of at least two householders in and resi-

dents of the county of which he claims at the time of such application to be a resident; and such affidavits shall on presentation be accepted and received as sufficient proof, unless contradicted, of the residence of such applicant in any actions or proceedings against such county in which such residence of such applicant is material. If, after having been an inmate of such home, an honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine, or the wife or widow of an honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine, or an army nurse, shall reassume his or her former residence in any county, or shall acquire a new residence in any other county, and shall become entitled to relief as provided by article six of the poor law, the poor authorities within whose jurisdiction such honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine, or the wife or widow of an honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine, or an army nurse, resides, may, instead of providing relief as required by the poor law, return him or her to such home, to be maintained therein. (A. L. 1912, c. 310.)

§ 256. *Powers of board of managers* — The board of managers shall have charge of all the affairs of the institution, with power to make all necessary by-laws, rules and regulations for its government and proper management, and for the admission and discharge of inmates. It shall have power to select a treasurer, to appoint and remove a superintendent of the institution, who shall be its chief executive officer. It shall also have power to appoint such other subordinate officers as may be necessary, and for just cause remove any or all of them from office. Under proper rules and regulations and in accordance with the provisions of the civil service law they may delegate the power to hire and discharge subordinate employees to the superintendent. (Renumbered L. 1910, c. 449.)

§ 257. *Record* — The board of managers shall keep in a book provided for that purpose and kept in the institution, a fair and full record of the doings of the board, which shall be open at all times to the inspection of its members and such other persons and officers of the state as are by law vested with the powers of visitation and inspection, or appointed by the governor, the legislature or other competent authority to make an inspection or investigation of the institution. (Renumbered L. 1910, c. 449.)

§ 258. *Gifts and bequests.* The board of managers may receive, retain and expend any money or other personal property given or bequeathed to the home for the purposes for which it is given or, if unaccompanied by conditions or limitations, for any of the purposes of the home or of the inmates thereof that the board shall deem advisable. (Added L. 1918, c. 86.)

Annotations.

board of managers.
may not appoint one of their own number superintendent. A. G. R., 1897: 105–06.
may remove any employee, unprotected by civil service law, at regular or properly called special meeting. A. G. R., 1906:261–64.
pension money belonging to inmates may not be used for extra compensation or employment of extra help. A. G. R., 1905:391.
pension fund or donations made by individuals need not be turned into state treasury. A. G. R., 1911 [Apr. 5].
admission of soldier's widow
denied, where remarried to another soldier after 1880. A. G. R., 1899: 301–02.
thirty years' absence of husband entitles wife to be regarded presumptively as widow. A. G. R., 1909:868–70.

INCORPORATION

1. Of Posts (Benev. Orders.)

§ 2. *Organization* — Either of the following orders:

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9. A post of the Grand Army of the Republic, chartered and installed according to the regulations of that organization;

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May elect at any regular communication, convocation, encampment or other regular meeting thereof, by whatever name known, held in accordance with the constitution and general rules and regulations of such grand lodge, chapter, commandery or council, or other governing body to which it belongs, or with which it is connected, and in conformity to its own by-laws, if it has any, three trustees for such lodge, chapter, commandery, consistory, council, temple, post, court, tribe, grotto, aerie or camp, who shall be members thereof in full membership and in good and regular

standing therein; and may file in the office of the secretary of state a certificate of such election, signed and acknowledged by the first three elective officers of such lodge, chapter, commandery, consistory, council, temple, post, court, tribe, grotto or aerie, stating the time and place of such election and that the same was regular, the names of such trustees, and the term, severally, for which they are elected to serve, and the name of the lodge, chapter, commandery, consistory, council, temple, post, court, tribe, grotto, aerie or camp, for which they are elected. (A. L. 1909, c. 240, § 4; L. 1910, c. 420.)

§ 3. *Powers* — Such trustees may take, hold and convey by and under the direction of such lodge, chapter, commandery, consistory, council, temple, post, aerie or camp, all the temporalities and property belonging thereto, whether real or personal, and whether given, granted or devised directly to it or to any person or persons for it, or in trust for its use and benefit, and may sue for and recover, hold and enjoy all the debts, demands, rights and privileges, and all buildings and places of assemblage, with the appurtenances, and all other estate and property belonging to it in whatsoever manner the same may have been acquired, or in whose name soever the same may be held, as fully as if the right and title thereto had been originally vested in them; and may purchase and hold for the purpose of the lodge, chapter, commandery, consistory, council, temple, aerie, post or camp, other real and personal property, and demise, lease and improve the same. They may also issue their bonds or other evidences of indebtedness in such amounts and for such time and in such form as they shall determine for the exclusive purpose of raising money to pay for any real estate purchased and held by them, and for the improvement of the same, as hereinabove provided, and may mortgage such real estate for the purpose of securing the bonds or other evidences of indebtedness so issued by them. The proceeds of such bonds or other evidences of indebtedness shall be applied exclusively to pay for such real estate and the improvement thereof. Every such lodge, chapter, commandery, consistory, council, temple, post, aerie or camp may make rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the laws of this state, or with the constitution or general rules or laws of the grand lodge or other governing

body to which it is subordinate, for managing the temporal affairs thereof, and for the disposition of its property and other temporal concerns and revenue belonging to it, and the secretary and treasurer thereof, duly elected and installed according to its constitution and general regulations and law, shall, for the time being, be *ex officio* its secretary and treasurer. No board of trustees for any lodge, chapter, commandery, consistory, council, temple, aerie, post or camp filing the certificate aforesaid, shall be deemed to be dissolved for any neglect or omission to elect a trustee annually, or fill any vacancy or vacancies that may occur or exist at any time in said board, but it shall and may be lawful for said lodge, chapter, commandery, consistory, council, temple, aerie, post or camp to fill such vacancy or vacancies at any regular communication thereafter to be held, and till a vacancy arising from the expiration of the term of office of a trustee is filled, as aforesaid, he shall continue to hold the said office and perform the duties thereof. (A. L. 1910, c. 420.)

§ 4. *Terms of trustees* — * * * If other than a lodge or chapter of Free and Accepted Masons, the trustees first elected shall be divided by lot by the officers making the certificate of election, so that the term of one will expire in one year, one in two years, and one in three years thereafter. One trustee shall annually thereafter be elected by such lodge, chapter, commandery, consistory, council, temple or post, by ballot, in the same manner and at the same time as the first three officers thereof severally are or shall be elected according to its constitution, by-laws and regulations; and a certificate of such election under the hands of such officers and the seal of the lodge, chapter, commandery, consistory, council, temple or post, if it has any, shall be made, and shall be evidence of such election and entitle the person so elected to act as trustee. If any trustee dies, resigns, demits, is suspended or expelled, removes from the state, or becomes incapacitated for performing the duties of his office, his office shall be deemed vacant. Such lodge, chapter, commandery, consistory, council, temple or post may, at any regular communication, convocation, encampment or other regular meeting, by whatever name known, fill any vacancy in the office of trustee, by ballot, which election shall be certified in like manner and with like effect as

an annual election, and the person so elected shall hold his office during the unexpired term of the trustee, whose place he was elected to fill.

§ 5. *Powers of trustees* — Such trustees shall have the care, management and control of all the temporalities and property of the lodge, chapter, commandery, consistory, council, temple or post, and they shall not sell, convey, mortgage or dispose of any property except by and under its direction, duly had or given at a regular or stated communication, convocation, encampment or meeting thereof, according to its constitution and general regulations. They shall at all times obey and abide by the directions, orders and resolutions of such lodge, chapter, commandery, consistory, council, temple or post, duly passed at any regular or stated communication, convocation, encampment or meeting thereof not in conflict with the constitution and laws of this state or of the grand body to which it shall be subordinate, or of such lodge, chapter, commandery, consistory, council, temple or post.

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§ 6. *Reorganization* — Any such lodge, chapter, commandery, consistory, council, temple or post heretofore incorporated by the laws of this state, or thereby heretofore enabled to take and hold real or personal property, or both, may surrender its act of incorporation, charter or privilege so conferred upon it, and may become enabled to take and hold real or personal property, or both, under the provisions of this chapter, on making and filing a certificate in the manner specified in this chapter, and stating therein, in addition to what is required in such a certificate, the surrender of such act of incorporation, charter or privilege, specifying the same. The property theretofore held and possessed by it shall be fully vested in its trustees, who shall have all the rights, powers and privileges, and be subject to all the provisions of this chapter.

§ 7. *Joint corporations* — Any * * * post of the Grand Army of the Republic chartered and installed according to the regulations of that organization; * * * may unite in forming a corporation for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, maintaining and managing a hall, temple or other building, or a home for the aged and indigent members of such order and their dependent widows and orphans, and of creating, collecting, and maintaining a library for the use of the bodies uniting to form such

corporation. Each body hereafter uniting to form such corporation shall at a regular meeting thereof, held in accordance with its constitution and general rules and regulations or by-laws, elect a member thereof for a term of one, two or three years, as the rules, regulations and by-laws of the body may prescribe, to represent it in such corporation.

If the bodies uniting to form such corporation do not exceed thirty in number, then each representative so elected shall be a trustee of said corporation, and shall make and file in the office of the clerk of the county where such building is, or is to be located, a certificate of such election signed and acknowledged by the highest two officers of the body electing him, stating the time and place of the election, its regularity, the name of the trustee, and the name of the body from which he was elected. If the bodies uniting to form such corporation shall exceed thirty in number then the representatives elected as hereinbefore provided, shall assemble annually at a time and place fixed by the constitution, by-laws, rules and regulations of the corporation, and shall elect from amongst themselves a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, each of whom shall be *ex officio* trustees of the corporation, and not less than nine or more than twenty-four other trustees. In case only two bodies unite to form such corporation, the number of trustees to be elected from each body shall not be less than one or more than three, who shall be elected in the manner above prescribed and whose certificate of election shall be made and filed in the manner above prescribed.

The trustees so elected shall make, acknowledge and file with the secretary of state a certificate stating the name of the corporation to be formed, its purposes and objects, the names and places of residence of the trustees, the names of the bodies which they respectively represent, the names of the bodies uniting to form the corporation and their location, and the name of the town, village or city and the county where such building is, or is to be located; and thereupon the several bodies so uniting shall be a corporation for the purposes specified in such certificate. (A. L. 1915, c. 492.)

§ 8. *Trustees* — The persons executing such certificate and named therein, shall be the board of trustees of such corporation. If but two bodies unite to form such corporation, its by-laws may

prescribe the terms of office of the trustees. If more than two bodies so unite, the trustees shall divide themselves by lot into three classes, not including, however, the president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, if such officers shall have been elected as provided in section seven hereof, who shall be one year trustees, so that the term of office of the first class shall expire in one year; the term of office of the second class, in two years; and the term of office of the third class, in three years, provided, however, that no trustee shall continue as such after he has ceased to be a representative.

On a vacancy occurring in the office of a trustee of such corporation, the body which he represented shall fill such vacancy, provided the bodies uniting to form such corporation do not exceed thirty in number, and the person so chosen shall hold office for three years, if chosen on the expiration of the term of his predecessor, and otherwise, until the expiration of the original term.

But if the bodies uniting to form such corporation exceed thirty in number, then any vacancy occurring by reason of the expiration of a term or by failure of any trustee to be re-elected as a representative, shall be filled for three years or for the balance of the unexpired term as the case may be, by the representatives in annual session; and any vacancy occurring otherwise than as above specified, shall be filled until the next annual meeting of the representatives by the body that has lost representation by reason of the vacancy, when it shall be filled by said representatives for the remainder of the unexpired term. If the bodies uniting to form such corporation exceed thirty in number, then the representatives, but if less than thirty in number then the board of trustees, may admit or prescribe rules and regulations for the admission as members of such corporation of other bodies chartered or instituted by the same general governing body as any of the bodies named in such certificate, or by any superior or higher jurisdiction or governing body of the order to which any of such bodies belong, and may prescribe rules and regulations for the withdrawal, expulsion or suspension of any body or bodies having membership in such corporation when the representatives of such corporation exceed thirty in number.

property, or the construction and repair of a building or buildings thereupon or the finishing or furnishing of apartments therein. Any of the bodies specified in section seven may invest its funds in the bonds authorized by this section to be issued. Such corporation shall have authority also to borrow of any person or corporation such sum as in the judgment of its board of trustees may be required to pay the cost of the construction, repair, rebuilding or reconstruction of any such building or buildings, and the finishing or furnishing of apartments therein, and to secure the payment of any moneys so borrowed, and to execute and deliver its bond for the sum so borrowed, and to secure the payment of the same by mortgage upon its real property as collateral thereto. (A. L. 1911, c. 307.)

§ 11. *Reincorporation of joint corporations* — A corporation heretofore organized, the members whereof represent lodges or bodies in any of the benevolent or fraternal orders mentioned or described in section seven hereof, may by a two-thirds vote of all its members present and voting at a regular or regularly called meeting thereof, proceed to reincorporate under this chapter with the same name and for the same purposes for which it was originally organized. In thus proceeding to reincorporate, the board of trustees or directors may be increased or diminished within the limits prescribed by section seven hereof, but any decrease in such membership shall not take effect so as to affect the term of office of any trustee or director of the old corporation. Such trustees or directors and the other officers of the old corporation shall continue to serve as such under the reorganized corporation for the term for which they were originally elected or appointed. Such reorganization shall not effect a dissolution of the corporation, but shall be deemed a continuation of its corporate existence without affecting its property rights, or its liabilities, or the liabilities of its members or officers as such; but thereafter it shall have only such other rights, powers and privileges and be subject only to such other duties and liabilities as a corporation created for the same purpose under this chapter.

sale or purchase, or to erect or repair any such building or buildings, or to rent any building or part thereof, for the use of the corporation; and unless such proposition receives the approval of two-thirds of the bodies constituting the corporation, such proposition shall not be carried into effect. The evidence of the approval of such proposition by any such body shall be a certificate to that effect signed by the presiding officer and secretary of the body, or the officers discharging duties corresponding to those of the presiding officer and secretary, under the seal of such body. But where land is purchased for the purpose of erecting a hall, home or temple thereon, the buildings upon such land at the time of such purchase may be sold by the trustees without such consent. The powers of the board of trustees of every corporation created hereunder and composed of more than thirty bodies, respecting sales, purchases and repairs, shall be fixed by the by-laws adopted by the representatives of the various bodies composing such corporation, or shall be determined by such representatives when assembled in annual session. Every corporation created hereunder shall have power to enforce, at law or in equity, any legal contract which it may make with any of the bodies composing it respecting the care and maintenance of members or other dependents of such body, the same as if such body or bodies were not members of the corporation. Any corporation created hereunder shall have power to take and hold real and personal estate by purchase, gift, devise or bequest subject to the provisions of law relating to devises and bequests by last will and testament or otherwise. (A. L. 1913, c. 11.)

§ 10. *Mortgaging property* — If the funds of the corporation shall not be sufficient to pay for any real property purchased by the board of trustees in pursuance of law, or for the construction, repair or rebuilding of a suitable building or buildings, and the finishing or furnishing of apartments therefor, the corporation may issue its bonds bearing interest, semi-annually, for such additional sum as may be required therefor, and may execute to any such trustee or trustees, as the board may select, a mortgage upon its real property as security for the payment of such bonds. The proceeds of such bonds shall be applied to the payment of debts of the corporation incurred by the purchase of such real

property, or the construction and repair of a building or buildings thereupon or the finishing or furnishing of apartments therein. Any of the bodies specified in section seven may invest its funds in the bonds authorized by this section to be issued. Such corporation shall have authority also to borrow of any person or corporation such sum as in the judgment of its board of trustees may be required to pay the cost of the construction, repair, rebuilding or reconstruction of any such building or buildings, and the finishing or furnishing of apartments therein, and to secure the payment of any moneys so borrowed, and to execute and deliver its bond for the sum so borrowed, and to secure the payment of the same by mortgage upon its real property as collateral thereto. (A. L. 1911, c. 307.)

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2. OF ORGANIZATIONS OF VETERANS (Memb. Corp.)

ARTICLE 5

VETERAN SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' ASSOCIATIONS

§ 160. *Certificate of incorporation* — Twenty-five or more honorably discharged soldiers or sailors of the Union army or navy, or the male descendants of such soldiers or sailors, may become a corporation for social, literary, patriotic, charitable and historical purposes, by making, acknowledging and filing a certificate stating the particular object for which the corporation is to be created; the name of the proposed corporation; the town, village or city in which its principal office is to be located; the names of fifteen persons to be its directors until the first annual meeting, and the times for holding its annual meetings.

Such certificate shall not be filed without the approval, indorsed thereupon or annexed thereto, of a justice of the supreme court.

On filing such certificate, in pursuance of law, the signers thereof, their associates and successors shall be a corporation in accordance with the provisions of such certificate; but no person shall be eligible to membership of such corporation unless he have the same qualifications as the persons authorized to sign the certificate of incorporation thereof.

§ 161. *Shares* — The by-laws of such a corporation may provide that the property of the corporation shall be divided into transferable shares of one hundred dollars each, entitling the holder thereof to one vote for each share, at all meetings of the corporation. Each shareholder shall be liable to the amount unpaid on the shares held by him, for the debts and liabilities of the corporation; but shall not be entitled to receive any interest or dividends thereon. Such a corporation shall be a membership corporation and not a stock corporation.

§ 162. *Property* — All sums over the necessary expenses of such corporation and over and above the amount necessary to discharge the principal and interest on any mortgage or bond issued by it shall be held by the directors as a fund for the purchase of memorials, preservation of relics and historical evidences and trophies, and for charity to Union veterans, their families or descendants.

3. Of Soldiers' Monument Corporations (Memb. Corp.)

ARTICLE 11

Soldiers' Monument Corporations

§ 170. *Certificate of incorporation* — Three or more persons may become a corporation for the purpose of erecting a monument, monuments or memorial, including a memorial hall or building, to perpetuate the memory of the soldiers and sailors who served in the defense of the Union in the war of the rebellion, or in the army or navy of the United States in the late war with Spain, or of the army or navy of the United States in any war in which the government of the United States has been engaged, including the American revolution on the side of the Colonies; such monument or memorial alike to perpetuate the memory of those soldiers and sailors, who, since rendering such military or naval service have become resident of and die in the town, city or county in which such monument or memorial is erected; by making, acknowledging and filing a certificate, stating the particular object for which the corporation is to be created; the name of the proposed corporation; the number of its directors, not less than six nor more than twelve; the names and places of residence of the persons to be directors until the first annual meeting, and the time for holding its annual meetings. Such certificate shall not be filed without the approval, indorsed thereupon or annexed thereto, of a justice of the supreme court. On filing such certificate, in pursuance of law, the signers thereof, their associates and successors shall be a corporation in accordance with the provisions of such certificate.

§ 171. *Property; erection of monuments* — Such a corporation may acquire and hold, within the county in which its certificate of incorporation is recorded, not more than five acres of land to be used exclusively for the erection of a suitable monument or monuments or other memorial to perpetuate the memory of the soldiers and sailors who served in defense of the Union in the war of the rebellion, or who served in the army or navy of the United States in the late war with Spain, or in the army or navy of the United

States in any war in which the government of the United States has been engaged, including the American revolution on the side of the Colonies; such monument or memorial alike to perpetuate the memory of those soldiers and sailors who, since rendering such military or naval service, have become resident of and die in the town, city or county in which such monument or memorial is erected. Such a corporation may erect any such monument, monuments or memorial upon any public street, square or ground of any town, city or village, with the consent of the proper officers thereof, or may purchase or accept the donation of land suitable for that purpose; and may take and hold the property given, devised or bequeathed to it in trust, to apply the same or the income or proceeds thereof for the erection, improvement, embellishment, preservation, repair or renewal of such monument, monuments or memorial, or of any structure, fences or walks upon its lands, or for planting or cultivating trees, shrubs, flowers and plants, in and around or upon its lands, or for improving or embellishing the same in any manner consistent with the design and purposes of the association, according to the terms of such grant, devise or bequest. It may take by gift or purchase any lots or lands in any cemetery within such county to be used and occupied exclusively for the burial of honorably discharged soldiers and sailors who served in either of such wars, and for the erection of suitable monuments or memorials therein. A town clerk or the board of trustees of a village shall, upon the petition of twenty-five resident taxpayers, submit to a biennial town meeting or village election, as the case may be, a proposition to raise by taxation a sum stated therein, not exceeding five hundred dollars in any one year, for the purpose of erecting such a monument, or contributing to the expense of such a monument, erected by a corporation under this section, or for repairing or improving the same and the grounds thereof; and such tax shall be levied in the manner prescribed by law for levying general taxes in such town or village, and when raised shall be applied to the purposes specified in such proposition.

The property of any corporation formed pursuant to laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-six, chapter two hundred and seventy-three, as amended by laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-eight,

chapter two hundred and ninety-nine, shall be exempt from levy and sale on execution, and from all public taxes, rates and assessments, and no street, road, avenue or thoroughfare shall be laid through the lands of such association held for the purposes aforesaid without the consent of the trustees of such corporation, except by special permission of the legislature of the state.

§ 172. *Improvement taxes* — A tax may be levied and collected on the taxable property in a town, village or city in which such monument, monuments or other memorial may be erected, for the purpose of repairing or improving the same and the grounds thereof; and such tax shall be levied in the manner prescribed by law for levying general taxes in such town, village or city.

§ 173. *Transfers of moneys from unincorporated association to incorporated association in same place* — Any unincorporated association which shall have been organized solely for the purpose of raising funds to be devoted to the erection of a monument or memorial to perpetuate the memory of the soldiers and sailors who served in the defense of the Union in the late war may, by a majority vote of all its members who shall be present and voting at a meeting thereof, called as in this section provided, transfer to and vest in any incorporated association which shall have been organized under a general statute, or under the foregoing sections of this article for the sole purpose of erecting a like monument or memorial in the same town or village where such unincorporated association is located, any or all money which it shall have accumulated for such object, except as hereinafter provided, provided that such transfer does not conflict with any provision of the constitution or by-laws of such association, and that it shall be made and the money so transferred shall be accepted by such incorporated association in trust to apply the same, or the income thereof, exclusively for the purposes mentioned in section one hundred and seventy-one of this article. Any member of such unincorporated association who shall have contributed individually to the fund so raised, and paid such contribution into the treasury of such association, the same appearing upon the books of the treasurer, shall be entitled to demand and receive the amount of such contribution from the treasurer of such association, in case such transfer shall be made and before the same shall be consummated,

upon filing with the president or secretary of such unincorporated association his or her affidavit to the effect that he or she has not approved of such transfer by vote or otherwise. No vote upon the question of transferring the funds of such unincorporated association as hereinbefore provided for shall be had or taken except at a meeting of such association especially called for that purpose by the president or secretary or other managing officer thereof, upon notice given at least ten days before the time fixed for such meeting, personally or by mail to each member of such association whose residence or post-office address is known, which notice shall state the subject of the meeting to be the consideration of making such transfer pursuant to this section.

ANNOTATION

Wyoming county soldiers' monument trustees; sheriff not eligible for membership. A. G. R., 1903:289.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE — *See* Memorial Day.
LICENSE (FREE) TO PEDDLE — *See* Privileges.

MEMORIAL DAY

1. HOLIDAY (Gen. Cons.)

§ 24. *Holiday and half-holiday* — The term holiday includes the following days in each year: The first day of January known as New Year's day; the twelfth day of February, known as Lincoln's birthday; the twenty-second of February, known as Washington's birthday; the thirtieth day of May, known as Memorial day; the fourth day of July, known as Independence day; the first Monday of September, known as Labor day; the twelfth day of October, known as Columbus day, and the twenty-fifth day of December, known as Christmas day; and if either of such days is Sunday, the next day thereafter; each general election day and each day appointed by the president of the United States or by the governor of this state as a day of general thanksgiving, general fasting and prayer or other general religious observances. The term half-holiday includes the period from noon to midnight of each Saturday which is not a holiday. (A. L. 1909, c. 112.)

"Holidays and half-holidays shall be considered as Sundays for all purposes relating to the transaction of business in the public offices of the state and of each county." (Pub. Off. § 62.)

Annotation

Memorial day a legal holiday but not a *dies non*; any business may be transacted except such acts as are expressly excepted by statute. Morel v. Stearns, 37 Misc. 486 [1902].

2. Leaves of Absence On (Pub. Off.)

§ 63. *Leave of absence for veterans on Memorial day* — It shall be the duty of the head of every public department and of every court of the state of New York, of every superintendent or foreman on the public works of said state, of the county officers of the several counties of said state, and of the head of every department, bureau and office in the government of the various cities and villages in this state, to give leave of absence with pay for the twenty-four hours of the thirtieth day of May, or such other day as may, according to law, be observed as Memorial day, to every person in the service of the state, the county, the city or village, as the case may be, who served in the army or the navy of the United States in the war of the rebellion, or who served in the regular or volunteer army or the navy or the marine corps of the United States during the war with Spain or during the insurrection in the Philippine islands, or who has served in the regular army or navy or marine corps of the United States, and who was honorably discharged from such service. A refusal to give such leave of absence to one entitled thereto shall be neglect of duty. (A. L. 1910, c. 335.)

3. New York City Appropriation (Charter)

§ 245. The board of estimate and apportionment shall have power in its discretion to annually include in its final estimate such sum as it may deem proper for the due observance of Memorial day to be expended by the memorial committee of the Grand Army of the Republic and by the United Spanish War Veterans and Army and Navy Union and Army and Navy Veterans in the various boroughs of said city, or in such other

manner as to the said board of estimate and apportionment shall seem proper. (A. L. 1916, c. 115; L. 1917, c. 221.)

4. THIRD CLASS CITIES, APPROPRIATION (Gen. City)

§ 12. *Money for Memorial day in cities of the third class* — The common council of any city of the third class is hereby authorized to appropriate and set aside each year a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars for the purpose of providing for the due and proper observance of Memorial day in such city. (A. L. 1909, c. 288.)

§ 13. *Moneys; how expended* — The moneys thus appropriated shall be expended under the direction of a board composed of the mayor and the commanders and quartermasters of the Grand Army posts and United Spanish War Veteran camps and the commanders and treasurers of Sons of Veterans camps of such city. The whole amount of such money appropriated or any part thereof may be spent by such board in observance of Memorial day. Bills properly verified for all claims and expenditures arising under this or the preceding section, shall be presented to and audited by such board and shall be paid by the common council of any such city. The moneys appropriated shall be raised by tax on the real and personal property liable to taxation in any such city in the same manner as the ordinary expenses of maintaining the city government. (A. L. 1915, c. 85.)

5. TOWN BOARD, APPROPRIATION (Town)

§ 136. *Appropriation by town board for Memorial day.* It shall be lawful for the town boards of any town in this state at any regular or special meeting to vote any sum of money not exceeding seventy-five dollars in any year, or in towns of over five thousand inhabitants according to the last preceding state enumeration, in which are maintained one or more posts or camps of the Grand Army of the Republic, the United Spanish War Veterans or the American Legion, a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars in any year, or in towns of over ten thousand inhabitants a sum not to exceed two hundred dollars a year, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the proper observance of Memorial or Decoration day, which amount shall be assessed, levied and collected in the same manner as other expenses of said

town are assessed, levied and collected and shall be paid to the supervisor of such town and be disbursed by him in such manner as the town board of such town may direct upon vouchers properly receipted and audited by the town board of such town; except that in any town in which there may be a post or camp of the Grand Army of the Republic, the United Spanish War Veterans or the American Legion, such post or camp may direct the manner and extent of such observance and the supervisors shall pay the expenses thereof upon the order or orders of the commander or quartermaster of such post, which orders shall be his vouchers for such payment, and in case there may be two or more posts or camps of the Grand Army of the Republic, the United Spanish War Veterans or the American Legion in any such town, the commanders and quartermasters of such posts or camp, by concurrent action, shall direct the supervisor of such town what proportion of such money so raised shall be expended by each of such posts or camp, which proportion shall be paid by such supervisor upon the order or orders of the commander and quartermasters of each of such posts. In case there is a post or camp in a town adjoining a town in which no post or camp is located, whose membership includes at least three residents of such town having no post or camp, the post or camp shall appoint a committee of not less than three of its members who are residents of the said adjoining town in which the post or camp is not located, and the supervisor of said town shall pay the expenses of observance of Memorial or Decoration day upon the order or orders of said committee or a majority thereof, which orders shall be his vouchers for such payment. (A. L. 1919, c. 194; a. L. 1920, c. 360.)

§ 136-a. *Additional appropriations for Memorial day upon the adoption of a proposition therefor* — Upon the adoption of a proposition therefor, by the qualified electors of the town entitled to vote thereon, as hereinafter provided, the town board of any town may appropriate from town funds a sum not exceeding the amount which it is authorized by the provisions of this section to raise by tax for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the proper observance of Memorial or Decoration day, in addition to any moneys which such town board is authorized to provide for by

section one hundred and thirty-six of this chapter. A proposition directing the appropriation of town moneys for the additional expenses of the proper observance of Memorial or Decoration day, under the provisions of this section may be submitted to the electors of the town qualified to vote thereon at a biennial or special town meeting in the manner provided in this chapter for the submission of propositions for raising or appropriating money, except that no such proposition shall be submitted unless at least ten percentum of the qualified voters of the town unite in a written application therefor addressed to the town clerk. Such proposition shall be deemed adopted if it receive the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon. Moneys appropriated for the purposes of this section shall be raised by taxation in the same manner as other town expenses, but shall not exceed in any one year a sum equal to twenty-five hundredths of a mill on each dollar of the assessed valuation of property in the town according to the assessment-roll last preceding the date of submission of the proposition. A proposition adopted as aforesaid shall continue in force until rescinded by a proposition submitted and adopted in like manner, but not more than one such proposition either directing the appropriation or rescinding a former proposition shall be adopted in any one year. Moneys appropriated under the provisions of this section shall be kept separate and apart from those provided for in section one hundred and thirty-six of this chapter and shall be expended under the direction of the town board. (Added L. 1912, c. 185, a. L. 1915, c. 412.)

6. SARATOGA SPRINGS, APPROPRIATION (L. 1866, c. 220)

§ 54. For the purpose of providing the means of sustaining the several departments and defraying the expenses of the corporation the board of trustees are authorized to levy and collect an annual tax in amounts and for the purposes, as follows:

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9. Such sum as the board of trustees deem advisable to appropriate for Luther M. Wheeler Post No. 92, G. A. R., for the proper observance of Memorial Day, which said sum the board of trustees of the village of Saratoga Springs is hereby authorized to appropriate. (Added L. 1913, c. 169.)

7. Rensselaer City Charter (L. 1913, c. 481)

§ 69. *Money for Memorial Day observance* — The common council is hereby authorized to appropriate and set aside each year a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars for the purpose of providing for the due and proper observance of Memorial Day. The moneys thus appropriated shall be expended under the direction of a board composed of the mayor and the commanders and quartermasters of the Grand Army posts and United Spanish War Veteran camps of such city. The whole amount of such money appropriated or any part thereof may be spent by such board in observance of Memorial Day. Bills properly verified for all claims and expenditures arising under this section, shall be presented to and audited by such board and shall be paid by the common council. The moneys so appropriated shall be included in the budget raised by tax as one of the ordinary expenses of the city government.

Annotations

town board to appropriate. A. G. R., 1898:199–200.

posts in towns adjoining town with no post have equal rights in control and management of Memorial day services there. A. G. R., 1903:340–42.

MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS

1. Counties May Erect (County)

§ 40. *Soldiers' monument* —Any such board (of supervisors) may also, by vote of two-thirds of its members, raise and appropriate such moneys as it may deem necessary, for the erection within the county of public monuments, in commemoration of the federal soldiers and sailors in the late war of the rebellion, or of any other public person or event, and for repairing and remodeling such monuments; all moneys so raised shall be expended by direction of the board of supervisors; but no county officer shall receive any compensation for services rendered pursuant to this section.

2. Towns May Erect (Town)

§ 45. *Power of town meeting to make appropriation for public monuments* — It shall be competent for electors of any town, at any regular town meeting at any regular election to vote any sum of money, to be designated by a majority of all the electors voting at such town meeting or election, for the purpose of erecting a

public monument within such town in memory of the soldiers of such town or in commemoration of any public person or event; but no debt shall be created nor shall any tax be imposed on any town for such purpose unless the same shall have been voted for by a majority of the legal voters of the town affected, voting at such election. The board of supervisors may legalize the vote of any town for such purpose, and after such vote they may raise or authorize the specified sum or sums of money to be raised for such purpose in any of the modes provided for by law for raising money for towns. All moneys expended by any town for the purposes authorized by this section shall be expended under the direction of the supervisor, town clerk and justices of the peace of such town or a majority of them or by a commissioner or commissioners for that purpose appointed by such town officers or by a majority of them. But nothing in this section shall affect the right of the electors to vote on a proposition heretofore directed to be submitted by a board of supervisors, or the power of a board of supervisors to carry into effect the vote upon such proposition.

ANNOTATION

law discussed. A. G. R., 1903:408–10.

3. VILLAGES MAY ACQUIRE LANDS (Gen. Munic.)

§ 72. *Acquisition of lands for erection of monuments* — The governing board of a village or town, or the trustees of a monument association, may acquire not to exceed three acres of land, for the erection of a soldiers' monument, or a monument or other structure as a memorial of some distinguishing or important event in the history of the state or nation, and for laying out such lands as a public park or square, if such lands are vacant or have buildings thereon not exceeding two thousand five hundred dollars in value, and if a judge of the county, or a justice of the supreme court of the district, in which such memorial is to be erected, shall give his written approval of the acquisition of such lands for such purpose.

4. COUNTY OR CITY MAY CONSTRUCT, ETC., MEMORIAL BUILDING (Gen. Munic.)

§ 77-a. *Construction and maintenance of memorial building or monument by county and city.* A county, and a city wholly con-

tained therein, by resolution adopted by the governing board of each municipality by a two-thirds vote of its members, may unite in the construction and maintenance of a memorial building or a monument at a place within the county, in commemoration of soldiers and sailors of the United States in any war or wars in which the United States shall have engaged, at an expense to be borne by the city and county at large, or by the city and the taxable property of the county outside of the city, in such manner and in such proportions as the resolution shall prescribe. Such resolution shall create a committee, to be at all times composed of members of each of such governing boards, to have charge of such construction and of such maintenance, direct expenditures therefor and let a contract or contracts for such construction. Upon the adoption of such resolution, the governing board or other proper authorities of each municipality shall appropriate, raise by tax in the city or county, as the case may be, and make available from time to time to the order of such committee, the amount chargeable to the city or county for such construction and maintenance. In a city having a board of estimate and apportionment, the concurrence of such board, with any action by the governing board, shall be necessary to any action by the city under this section. (A. L. 1919, ch. 372.)

5. Trustees May Accept (Pub. Bldgs.)

§ 3. *Powers and duties of trustees* — The trustees of public buildings shall: * * *

6. Have power to accept and receive for erection or location in any of the public buildings or grounds such statues, monuments, memorials or tablets having reference to historical events in the history or acts of the citizens or soldiers of the state of New York as shall meet their approval, provided that such gifts are erected or located without expenditure from the state treasury.

Monument Corporations — *See* Incorporation.
Mt. McGregor ceded to United States. State, § 25, par. 6.
Poll Tax — *See* Exemption.

POST MEETING ROOMS

1. IN ARMORIES (Mil.)

§ 186. *Control of armories* — * * * On the application of one or more posts of the Grand Army of the Republic, or other veteran organizations of honorably discharged union soldiers, sailors or marines of any war of the United States, or sons of such veterans, approved by the commanding officers of the brigade of the national guard in whose jurisdiction armories, the property of the state are located, and the officer in charge of such armory, subject also to the approval of the adjutant-general of the state and under such restrictions as he may prescribe, the officer in charge of any state armory designated by the adjutant-general of the state shall provide a proper and convenient meeting room or rooms in such armory where such posts or other veteran organizations may hold regular and special meetings, without the payment of any expense therefor. (A. L. 1913, c. 558.)

§ 192. *Use of armories* —Armories shall only be used as follows:

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(b) By posts of the Grand Army of the Republic or other veteran organizations of honorably discharged union soldiers, sailors or marines of any war of the United States or of sons of such veterans as provided in section one hundred and eighty-six of this chapter. (A. L. 1909, c. 240, § 56.)

2. IN ORLEANS, WAYNE AND GREENE COUNTIES (Town)

§ 137. *Appropriation by town board in Orleans and Greene counties for rooms for posts* — It shall be lawful for the town board of any town in the counties of Orleans and Greene at any regular or special meeting to vote a sum of money not exceeding one hundred dollars in any year, and for the town board of any town in Wayne county at a regular or special meeting to vote a sum of money not exceeding two hundred dollars in any year, for the purpose of assisting in defraying the rental of rooms for the holding of meetings of any post of the Grand Army of the Republic, located in such town. In case there is a post in a town

adjoining a town in which no post is located, whose membership includes at least ten residents of such town having no post, it shall be lawful for the town board of such town having no post, at any regular or special meeting, to vote any sum of money, not exceeding fifty dollars in any year, for the purpose of assisting in defraying the rental of rooms in such adjoining town, for the holding of meetings of a post of the Grand Army of the Republic. All moneys hereby authorized shall be assessed, levied and collected the same as other town expenses and shall be paid to the quartermaster of such post by the supervisor, on proof to such supervisor that the post is not receiving under the provisions of this article from a town or towns more than the actual rental of such rooms. (A. L. 1914, c. 150.)

Cayuga County, *see* L. 1906, c. 323; Ontario County, *see* L. 1907, c. 173; Seneca County, *see* L. 1907, c. 358; Wyoming County, *see* L. 1906, c. 175.

3. Lease of Public Buildings For (Gen. Munic.)

§ 77. *Leases of public buildings to Grand Army posts*—A municipal corporation may lease, for not exceeding five years, to a post or posts of the Grand Army of the Republic, or other veteran organization of honorably discharged union soldiers, sailors or marines, a public building or part thereof, belonging to such municipal corporation, except school-houses in actual use as such, without expense, or at a nominal rent, fixed by the board or council having charge of such buildings, and provide furniture and furnishings, and heat, light and janitor service therefor, in like manner. (A. L. 1917, c. 583.)

4. Memorial Hall in Watertown (L. 1913, c. 364)

Section 1. The board of supervisors of Jefferson county shall submit to the electors thereof at the general election to be held in such county on the fourth day of November, nineteen hundred and thirteen, a proposition to authorize the board of supervisors of such county to expend not more than one hundred thousand dollars in acquiring a site in the city of Watertown, and erecting thereon a soldiers and sailors' memorial hall. If for any reason such submission shall not be made at the general election to be held on the fourth day of November, nineteen hundred and thir-

teen, it shall be made at the next general election thereof, to be held in said county. Such proposition shall be in the following form: Shall the board of supervisors be authorized to expend not more than one hundred thousand dollars in acquiring a site and erecting a soldiers and sailors' memorial hall? The provisions of the election law in relation to the submission of propositions and the form of ballots therefor shall apply to the submission of such proposition. If a majority of the votes upon such proposition shall be in the affirmative, the board of supervisors of such county may acquire a site for such memorial hall in the city of Watertown and may cause to be erected thereon a soldiers and sailors' memorial hall at an expense not exceeding in the aggregate for the acquisition of the site and the construction and equipment of the building one hundred thousand dollars.

§ 2. Such building when completed shall be deemed a memorial to the soldiers and sailors who enlisted from the county of Jefferson and served in any war in which the United States as a nation has ever been engaged, including so much of the revolutionary war as was carried on previous to the signing and promulgation of the Declaration of Independence by the continental congress, and such purposes shall be properly indicated by tablet or otherwise. The soldiers and sailors' memorial hall and historical association of Jefferson county shall have the management of such memorial hall, and shall authorize the use thereof for military drills by a camp or camps of the Sons of Veterans of such county; and as a headquarters and place of meeting of such Sons of Veterans and any auxiliary society of such Sons of Veterans; and as a place of meeting by the Historical Society of Jefferson county; and as a place for the proper displaying and storing of such property in the way of relics as belongs to the said Historical Society and such as may hereafter be donated to it for preservation and for safekeeping. Conveniences for such purposes will be provided for in said building. It shall also be used as a place of meeting for the LeRay de Chaumont Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution; as a place of meeting for the Julia Dent Grant Circle of the G. A. R., for a place of meeting of the Northern Frontier Chapter of the Daughters of the War of 1812; as a place of meeting for Joe

Spratt Post, No. 323, G. A. R.; for a place of meeting for the Relief Corps Auxiliary to said post; and for the storage and preservation of such personal property owned by these organizations as they may have in their possession, respectively. The said hall when completed and so erected to be used so far as may be for meetings for the assemblage of the people at different times to promote patriotic objects, but not to be used to the exclusion of the proper use of the societies whose names are given herein. Rules and regulations for the occupancy of said building not inconsistent with the purposes of this act may be made from time to time by the board of supervisors of Jefferson county.

5. In Certain Counties (Town)

§ 137. *Appropriation by town boards in Livingston, Oneida, Orleans, Wayne and Greene counties for rooms for posts* — It shall be lawful for the town board of any town in the counties of Livingston, Orleans or Greene at any regular or special meeting to vote a sum of money not exceeding one hundred dollars in any year, and for the town board of any town in the counties of Oneida or Wayne at a regular or special meeting to vote a sum of money not exceeding two hundred dollars in any year, for the purpose of assisting in defraying the rental of rooms for the holding of meetings of any post of the Grand Army of the Republic, located in such town. In case there is a post in a town adjoining a town in which no post is located, whose membership includes at least ten residents of such town having no post, it shall be lawful for the town board of such town having no post, at any regular or special meeting, to vote any sum of money, not exceeding fifty dollars in any year, for the purpose of assisting in defraying the rental of rooms in such adjoining town, for the holding of meetings of a post of the Grand Army of the Republic. All moneys hereby authorized shall be assessed, levied and collected, the same as other town expenses and shall be paid to the quartermaster of such post by the supervisor, on proof to such supervisor that the post is not receiving under the provisions of this article from a town or towns more than the actual rental of such rooms. (A. L. 1917, c. 339.)

6. IN NORWICH (L. 1914, § 313)

14. The sum of seventy-five dollars shall be raised and paid each year for the rent of the Norwich Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, and such sum, when paid towards the rent of said Grand Army of the Republic rooms, shall be in addition to any amount paid for the relief of the Grand Army of the Republic as provided by subdivision ten of this section and by general law, and also in lieu of a compliance with any provision of section seventy-seven of chapter twenty-nine of the laws of nineteen hundred and nine. (A. L. 1917, c. 421.)

PREFERENCE IN APPOINTMENT

1. CONFERRED. (Constitution, Art. V.)

§ 9. *Civil service appointments and promotions*—Appointments and promotions in the civil service of the state, and of all the civil divisions thereof, including cities and villages, shall be made according to merit and fitness, to be ascertained, so far as practicable, by examinations, which, so far as practicable, shall be competitive; provided, however, that honorably discharged soldiers and sailors from the army and navy of the United States in the late civil war, who are citizens and residents of this state, shall be entitled to preference in appointment and promotion without regard to their standing on any list from which such appointment or promotion may be made. Laws shall be made to provide for the enforcement of this section.

2. REGULATED. (Civil Serv.)

§ 21. *Preferences allowed honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines* — In every public department and upon all public works of the state of New York and of the cities, counties, towns and villages thereof, honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines from the army and navy of the United States in the late civil war who are citizens and residents of this state, shall be entitled to preference in appointment and promotion without regard to their standing on any list from which such appointment

or promotion may be made to all competitive and non-competitive positions, provided their qualifications and fitness shall have been ascertained as provided in this chapter and the rules and regulations in pursuance thereof; and a person thus preferred shall not be disqualified from holding any position in the civil service on account of his age or by reason of any physical disability, provided such age or disability does not render him incompetent to perform the duties of the position applied for. Whenever any list of eligible persons, prepared under authority of this chapter, shall contain the names of honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines entitled to preference as aforesaid, any reference in this chapter or in the rules and regulations in pursuance thereof to the persons standing highest on such list shall be deemed to indicate those standing highest of those entitled to preference by the provisions of this section and such persons shall be given preference on any list of registered applicants for employment in the labor service, in accordance with the dates of their several applications as though such applications had been filed prior to those of any persons on such lists not entitled to the preference provided by this section. A refusal to allow the preference provided for in this and the next succeeding section to any honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine, or a reduction of his compensation intended to bring about his resignation shall be deemed a misdemeanor, and such honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine shall have a right of action therefor in any court of competent jurisdiction for damages, and also a remedy by mandamus for righting the wrong.

ANNOTATIONS

Preference

upheld.
deputy sheriffs and turnkeys at jails. A. G. R., 1889:228–29.
court crier, Montgomery county. A. G. R., 1889:241.
police court clerk, Syracuse. A. G. R., 1896:316–22.
id., Brooklyn. A. G. R., 1896:324–25.
superintendent of charities, Auburn; applies to every public department and to all public works of state, cities and villages. A. G. R., 1892:136.
laws reviewed. A. G. R., 1897:291–93.
laws affecting New York city discussed. A. G. R., 1898:159–63.
longer term of military service does not give one veteran preference over another. A. G. R., 1894:270.

Burke v. Holtzmann, 110 A. D. 564 [1906].
laborer class; when placed on eligible list by civil service commission, appointing officer may not challenge right to be there because no examination was had.

People ex rel. Weintz v. Burch, 79 A. D. 156 [1903].

People ex rel. Qua v. Gaffney, 69 Misc. 36 [1910]; affd. 201 N. Y. 535.
street superintendent, Saratoga Springs.

People ex rel. Carroll v. New York City Civil Service Board, 5 A. D. 164 [1896].
bridgetender; position transferred to new schedule; appointments must be made from list under new, not old, schedule.

People ex rel. Hamilton v. Stratton, 174 N. Y. 531 [1903].
appointing officer may not raise question of competency of veteran on eligible list.

People ex rel. Sears v. Tobey, 153 N. Y. 381 [1897].
police court clerk, Syracuse; *see also, supra,* A. G. R., 1896; 316–22.

Sullivan v. Gilroy, 55 Hun 285 [1890].
laborer class; L. 1887, c. 464 held constitutional.

Wortman, in re, 2 Supp. 324 [1888].
holds L. 1884, c. 410, constitutional.

a. Age does not limit.

People ex rel. Kittenger v. Buffalo Civil Service Commissioners, 20 Misc. 217 [1897].
no age limit may be fixed by rules.

People ex rel. Van Petten v. Cobb, 13 A. D. 56 [1897].
special agent, excise department; civil service commission may not strike name from list on ground of age and physical disability.

People ex rel. Washburn v. French, 52 Hun 464 [1889].
New York city police.

People ex rel. Hall v. Little Falls, 8 Supp. 512 [1889].
decision of appointing authorities as to physical capacity, made in good faith, not disturbed.

Sullivan v. Gilroy, 55 Hun 285 [1890].
laborer class.

b. Dependent upon passing examination and attaining eligible list.

capitol orderlies, watchmen, etc. A. G. R., 1899:344–50.

Allaire v. Knox, 168 N. Y. 642, affirming 62 A. D. 29 [1901].

Keymer, in re, 148 N. Y. 219 [1899].

People ex rel. Huber v. Adam, 116 A. D. 613 [1906].
change of position from laborer to competitive class.

People ex rel. Hoyt v. Ballston Spa, Trustees of Village, 19 A. D. 567 [1897].
appointing officer not compelled to appoint veteran, unless competent.

People ex rel. Sweeley v. Wilson, 146 N. Y. 401, affirming 12 Misc. 174 [1895].

c. Eligible list may be subdivided only by existing localities; eligibility to appointment may not be denied resident by arbitrarily dividing lists.

People ex rel. Melledy v. Shea, 73 A. D. 232 [1902]; People ex rel. Coyne v. Shea, 73 A. D. 239 [1902].

d. Must be seasonably claimed.

People ex rel. McCullough v. Snyder, 106 A. D. 28 [1905].
four years' delay held laches.

denied.

school district collector. A. G. R., 1902:306.

locktenders and patrolmen on canals. A. G. R., 1911 [Feb. 20].

McGuire, in re, 50 Hun 203 [1888].
promotion, New York city police.

People ex rel. Warschauer v. Dalton, 159 N. Y. 235 [1899].
inspector of water supply to shipping, New York city.

People ex rel. McNeile v. Glynn, 128 A. D. 257 [1908].
transfer tax appraiser.

People ex rel. Burlingame v. Hayward, 19 A. D. 46 [1897].
school district official.

People ex rel. Collins v. Kraft, 50 A. D. 621, case 3 [1900].
teamster on canal.

People ex rel. Balcom v. Mosher, 163 N. Y. 32 [1900].
L. 1899, c. 370, § 13 held unconstitutional as interfering with constitutional right of appointment by local authorities.

People ex rel. Hall v. Saratoga Springs, Trustees of Village, 159 N. Y. 568 [1898], affirming 35 A. D. 141.
head of public department in village.

People ex rel. Ballou v. Wendell, 57 Hun 362 [1890].
county court crier.

People ex rel. Balch v. Yonkers, Mayor of, 14 Supp. 455 [1891].
health officer; position independent of every department of city government.

Schuyler v. New York, City of, 95 A. D. 305 [1904].

Sweet v. Partridge, 66 A. D. 309 [1901].
laborer on public works of state.

a. Confidential positions.

defined; performance of official duties does not establish confidential relations. People ex rel. Drake v. Sutton, 88 Hun 173 [1895].

who are deputies; deputy superintendent of public buildings. Ostrander, in re, 146 N. Y. 404 [1895].

collector of taxes. People ex rel. Stephens v. Barden, 8 Supp. 960 [1890].

b. Appointing officer as judge of competency, where no examination has been held.

decision final, as to lack of capacity, when made in good faith. People ex rel. Lockwood v. Saratoga Springs, Trustees of Village, 54 Hun 16 [1889]; People ex rel. Milliken v. Newburg, Commissioners of Almshouse, 65 Hun 169 [1892]; People ex rel. Mesick v. Scannell, 63 A. D. 243 [1901].

qualifications must be shown by affidavit. People ex rel. Waterman v. Knapp, 4 Supp. 825 [1889].

satisfactory proof of preferential standing must be furnished. A. G. R., 1889:87–88; People v. Wallace, 55 Hun 149 [1889].

common council cannot be compelled to confirm an appointment. People ex rel. Hall v. Little Falls, 8 Supp. 512, case 3 [1889]; People ex rel. Snyder v. Summers, 9 Supp. 700 [1890].

c. Equality of preference.

veteran has no preference over veteran volunteer fireman. People ex rel. Conlin v. Dobbs Ferry, Village of, 63 A. D. 276 [1901].

d. Vacancy.

courts cannot compel appointing officer to fill vacancy. People ex rel. Tregaskis v. Palmer, 9 A. D. 252 [1896].

e. Penalty.

liability of appointing officer, criminally. People v. Wallace, 55 Hun 149 [1889].

action for damages for failure to accord preferences on action for injury to property rights and survives, on death of veteran. Burke v. Holtzmann, 117 A. D. 292 [1907]; affd. 196 N. Y. 576.

f. Transfer.

employee of state engineer's office. A. G. R., 1909:13–15.

of person already in service, when not a promotion, takes precedence of veteran's preference. A. G. R., 1905:404–05.

g. Dividing list.
The Civil Service Law applies to the City of New York, except as limited or repealed by the provisions of the city charter. The Civil Service Commission of the City of New York has no authority to divide, after an examination, those thereby qualified to promotion in clerical positions into separate eligible lists according to their residences in the different boroughs, and to prefer those from one of such residential lists to the exclusion of others not upon such list who are entitled to preference by the result of such examination. People v. Fetherston, 168 A. D., 416 [1915].

PRIVILEGES

1. FREEDOM OF VENDING AND SELLING (Gen. Bus.)

§ 32. *Licenses to soldiers, sailors and marines.* Every honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine of the military or naval service of the United States, who is a resident of this state and a veteran of either the civil war, the Spanish-American war or the world war, or who shall have served beyond sea, and the widow of any such veteran if she is a resident of the state, shall have the right to hawk, peddle, vend and sell by auction his own goods, wares or merchandise or solicit trade within this state, by procuring a license for that purpose to be issued as herein provided.

On the presentation to the clerk of any county in which any soldier, sailor or marine may reside of a certificate of honorable discharge from the army or navy of the United States, which discharge shall show that the person presenting it is a veteran of the civil war, the Spanish-American war or the world war, or that he has served beyond sea, or on presentation to such clerk by any such widow, of an affidavit of herself and two other residents of the county that she is such widow, accompanied by such certificate of honorable discharge of her deceased husband, such county clerk shall issue without cost to such soldier, sailor, marine or widow a license certifying him or her to be entitled to the benefits of this article. A license issued without cost, under the provisions of this section, shall be personal to the licensee, and any assignment or transfer thereof shall be absolutely void. A person assigning or transferring, or attempting to assign or transfer any such license contrary to the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. (A. L. 1915, c. 175; a. L. 1919, c. 272.)

(The foregoing provision is controlling over all ordinances and by-laws of towns or other municipal corporations. Gen. Bus. § 35; Town § 210.)

ANNOTATIONS.

no fee required. A. G. R., 1897:192–93.

municipal ordinances regulating licenses.

Buffalo, City of v. Linsman, 113 A. D. 584 [1906].

licensee under this act held to comply therewith.

Eggleston v. Scheibel, 60 Misc. 250 [1908].

licensee must observe those designed to prevent obstruction of streets.

conformity required to those closing auction sales at 6 p. m. A. G. R., 1904:427–28.

Niagara reservation; licensee may be excluded by rules of board of managers.

A. G. R., 1899:291–92.

excepted trades; bill posting. A. G. R., 1907:564–65.

id., junk dealing; license must be taken out in municipality where principal place of business is. A. G. R., 1903:389–92.

2. BREVET COMMISSIONS FOR WAR SERVICE (Mil.)

§ 79. *Brevet commissions* — The governor may, * * * also confer upon officers in active service in the active militia, who have previously served therein in a higher grade, or who have previously served in the forces of the United States in time of war, brevet commissions of a grade equal to the highest grade in which they previously served. * * * (A. L. 1909, c. 371.)

3. SERVICE IN U. S. ARMY OR NAVY (Id.)

Section 58 makes such service a qualification for commission in the naval militia, and section 71, as amended, L. 1909, c. 371, makes it a qualification for commission in the National Guard.

4. WAR SERVICE GIVES HIGHER RANK (Id.)

§ 57. *Retirement of commissioned officers* — * * * Any commissioned officer of the naval militia who shall be retired under section eighty-two, upon his own request, shall have rank on the retired list of the grade next higher to that held by him in active service, provided he shall have been an officer in the United States navy in time of war. (A. L. 1909, c. 233.)

5. WAR SERVICE AND POLICE RETIREMENT (Charter)

§ 355. * * * Any member of the police force who has, or shall have performed duty on any such force aforesaid, for a period of twenty-five years or upwards, being of the age of fifty-five years, or any member of any such police force who is an honorably discharged soldier or sailor from the army and navy of the United

States in the late civil war, who shall have reached the age of sixty years, or any such soldier or sailor who has performed duty on any such force for a period of twenty years, upon his own application in writing, provided there are no charges against him pending, must be relieved and dismissed from said force and service by the department and placed on the roll of the police pension fund and awarded and granted, to be paid from said pension fund, an annual pension during his lifetime of the sum not less than one-half of the full salary or compensation of such member so retired. * * *

6. WHEN UNIFORM MAY BE WORN (Mil.)

§ 239. * * * *Unlawful wearing of uniforms and devices indicating rank*—Any person who shall * * * wear any uniform or any device, strap, knot or insignia of any design or character used as a designation of grade, rank or office, such as are by law or by general regulation, duly promulgated, prescribed for the use of the active militia or similar thereto; except members of the army and navy of the United States and the national guard and naval militia of this or any other state, officers of the independent military organizations so designated in section two hundred and forty-one of this chapter, members of associations wholly composed of soldiers honorably discharged from the service of the United States and members of the order of Sons of Veterans, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and in addition thereto shall forfeit to the people of this state one hundred dollars for each offense, to be sued for in the name of the people by a judge-advocate. * * *

PROCESSIONS AND PARADES

1. IN CITIES (Gen. City)

§ 5. *Certain parades and processions forbidden; penalty*—All processions or parades occupying or marching on any street of any city to the exclusion or interruption of other citizens in their individual right and use thereof, excepting the National Guard and the police and fire departments, and the associations of veteran soldiers, are forbidden, unless written notice of the object, time and route of such procession or parade be given by the chief officer

thereof, not less than six hours previous to its forming or marching, to the police authorities of such city; and such police authorities may designate to such procession or parade how much of the street in width it can occupy with especial reference to crowded thoroughfares through which such procession may move; and, when so designated, the chief officer of such procession or parade shall be responsible that the designation is obeyed; and it shall be the duty of the police authorities to furnish such escort as may be necessary to protect persons and property and maintain the public peace and order. A person wilfully violating any provision of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not exceeding twenty dollars or imprisonment not exceeding ten days, or both.

2. Permission of Certain (Mil.)

§ 241. *Military parades and organizations by unauthorized bodies prohibited* — No body of men, other than the active militia and the troops of the United States except such independent military organizations as were on the twenty-third day of April, eighteen hundred and eighty-three, and now are, in existence, and such other organizations as may be formed under the provisions of this chapter, shall associate themselves together as a military company or organization, or parade in public with firearms in any city or town of this state. No body of men shall be granted a certificate of incorporation under any corporate name which shall mislead, or tend to mislead, any person into believing that such corporation is connected with or attached to the National Guard or Naval Militia of this state in any capacity or way whatsoever. In case any such certificate has been heretofore or may hereafter be granted, which in the judgment of the adjutant-general of the state, misleads or tends to mislead anyone into believing that such corporation is connected with or attached to the National Guard or Naval Militia in any capacity or way whatsoever, the adjutant-general of the state shall notify such corporation, in writing, to forthwith discontinue the use of its said corporate name and forthwith take the necessary steps to change its name pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided, to some name not so calculated to mislead. In the event such proceedings are not forthwith taken and completed within six months from the service

of said notice, the attorney-general is authorized and directed to bring an action to procure a judgment vacating or annulling the act of incorporation of such corporation, or any act renewing the corporation or continuing its corporate existence or annulling the existence of such corporation. No city or town shall raise or appropriate any money toward arming or equipping, uniforming or in any other way supporting, sustaining or providing drill rooms or armories for any such body of men; but associations wholly composed of soldiers honorably discharged from the service of the United States, or members of the order of Sons of Veterans may parade in public with firearms on Decoration day, or on May first, known as Dewey day, or upon the reception of any regiments or companies of soldiers returning from such service, and for the purpose of escort duty at the burial of deceased soldiers, and students in educational institutions where military science is a prescribed part of the course of instruction and cadet organizations composed of youths under eighteen years of age, under responsible instructors, may, with the consent of the governor, drill and parade with firearms in public under the superintendence of their instructors. This section shall not be construed to prevent any organization authorized to do so by law from parading with firearms, nor to prevent parades by the national guard or naval militia of any other state. The independent military organizations mentioned in this section, not regularly organized as organizations of the national guard or naval militia, are hereby made subject to the orders of the governor in case of emergency or necessity, to aid the national guard or naval militia in quelling invasion, insurrection, riot or breach of the peace provided the officers and members of such organization shall, when so called upon, first sign and execute and deliver through their commanding officer to the officer to whom it is ordered to report, a form of enlistment in form to be prescribed by the governor in regulations or orders for a term not less than thirty days nor more than ninety days at one time; and if the service of such organization shall not be required for the full term of their enlistment they shall be discharged by the order of the governor. All members of such independent organizations when called into service of the state, as

herein provided for, shall be equipped and paid by the state, and shall be protected in the discharge of their duties, and in obeying the orders of the governor, as though a part of the national guard or naval militia of the state. Any person violating any provision of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor. (A. L. 1913, c. 41; L. 1916, c. 564.)

3. Regulation of, on Sunday (Penal)

§ 2151. *Processions and parades on Sunday* — All processions and parades on Sunday in any city, excepting only funeral processions for the actual burial of the dead, and processions to and from a place of worship in connection with a religious service there celebrated, are forbidden; and in such excepted cases there shall be no music, fireworks, discharge of cannon or firearms, or other disturbing noise. At a military funeral or at the funeral of a United States soldier, sailor or marine, or of a national guardsman, or of a deceased member of an association of veteran soldiers, sailors or marines, or of a disbanded militia regiment, or of a secret fraternal society, or of an association of employees of the national, state or municipal government, music may be played while escorting the body; also in patriotic military processions on Sunday previous to Decoration day, known as Memorial Sunday, to cemeteries or other places where memorial services are held, and also by organizations of the national guard or naval militia, or of an association of employees of the national, state or municipal governments, attending religious service on Sunday; but in no case within one block of a place of worship where service is then being celebrated. A person wilfully violating any provision of this section is punishable by a fine not exceeding twenty dollars or imprisonment not exceeding ten days, or both. (A. L. 1914, c. 328.)

4. When Arms May be Carried in (Penal)

§ 1897. *Carrying and use of dangerous weapons* — * * * Any person not a citizen of the United States, unless authorized by license issued as hereinafter prescribed, who shall have or carry firearms, or any dangerous or deadly weapons in any place, at any time, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and if he has been previously convicted of any crime he shall be guilty of a felony.

* * * This section shall not apply to the regular and ordinary transportation of firearms as merchandise, nor to sheriffs, policemen, or to other duly appointed peace officers, nor to duly authorized military or civil organizations, when parading, nor to the members thereof when going to and from the places of meeting of their respective organizations. (A. L. 1911, c. 195; L. 1917, c. 580.)

PROTECTION BY PENAL PROVISIONS

1. BADGE AND BUTTON (Penal)

§ 2240. *Unauthorized wearing or use of badge, name, title of officers, insignia, ritual or ceremony of certain orders and societies.* 1. Any person who wilfully wears the badge or the button of the Grand Army of the Republic, the insignia, badge or rosette of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, or the Military Order of Foreign Wars of the United States, or the badge or button of the Spanish war veterans, or the badge or button of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, or the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, or the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America, or of any society, order or organization of ten years' standing in the state of New York, or uses the same to obtain aid or assistance within this state, or wilfully uses the name of such society, order or organization, the titles of its officers, or its insignia, ritual or ceremonies, unless entitled to use or wear the same under the constitution and by-laws, rules and regulations of such order or of such society, order or organization, is guilty of a misdemeanor. (A. L. 1919, c. 418.)

2. Any person who shall wilfully wear the shield of the Union Veteran Legion, or who shall use or wear the same to obtain aid or assistance thereby within this state, unless he shall be entitled to use or wear the same, under the rules and regulations of the Union Veteran Legion, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, shall be punished by imprisonment for a term not to exceed thirty days in the county jail, or a fine not to exceed twenty dollars, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

2. The Flag Protected (Penal)

§ 1425. * * *

16. Any person, who in any manner, for exhibition or display, shall place or cause to be placed, any word, figure, mark, picture, design, drawing, or any advertisement, of any nature upon any flag, standard, color, shield or ensign of the United States of America or state of New York, or shall expose or cause to be exposed to public view any such flag, standard, color, shield or ensign, upon which after the first day of September, nineteen hundred and five, shall have been printed, painted or otherwise placed or to which shall be attached, appended, affixed, or annexed, any word, figure, mark, picture, design, or drawing, or any advertisement of any nature, or who shall expose to public view, manufacture, sell, expose for sale, give away, or have in possession for sale, or to give away or for use for any purpose, any article, or substance, being an article of merchandise, or a receptacle of merchandise or article or thing for carrying or transporting merchandise, upon which after the first day of September, nineteen hundred and five, shall have been printed, painted, attached, or otherwise placed, a representation of any such flag standard, color, shield or ensign, to advertise, call attention to, decorate, mark, or distinguish, the article or substance, on which so placed, or who shall publicly mutilate, deface, defile, or defy, trample upon, or cast contempt, either by words or act, upon any such flag, standard, color, shield or ensign, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall also forfeit a penalty of fifty dollars for each such offense, to be recovered with costs in a civil action, or suit, in any court having jurisdiction, and such action or suit may be brought by or in the name of any citizen of this state, and such penalty when collected less the reasonable cost and expense of action or suit and recovery to be certified by the district attorney of the county in which the offense is committed, shall be paid into the treasury of this state; and two or more penalties may be sued for and recovered in the same action or suit. The words flag, standard, color, shield or ensign, as used in this subdivision or section, shall include any flag, standard, color, shield, ensign, or any picture or representation, of either thereof,

made of any substance, or represented on any substance, and of any size, evidently purporting to be, either of, said flag, standard, color, shield or ensign, of the United States of America, or of the state of New York, or a picture or a representation, of either thereof, upon which shall be shown the colors, the stars, and the stripes, in any number of either thereof, or by which the person seeing the same, without deliberation may believe the same to represent the flag, colors, standards, shield or ensign of the United States of America or of the state of New York.

This subdivision shall not apply to any act expressly permitted by the statutes of the United States of America, or by the United States Army and Navy regulations, nor shall it be construed to apply to a certificate, diploma, warrant, or commission of appointment to office, ornamental picture, article of jewelry, stationery for use in private correspondence, or newspaper or periodical, on any of which shall be printed, painted or placed, said flag, standard, color, shield or ensign disconnected and apart from any advertisement.

The possession by any person, other than a public officer, as such, of any such flag, standard, color, shield or ensign, on which shall be anything made unlawful at any time by this section, or of any article or substance or thing on which shall be anything made unlawful at any time by this section shall be presumptive evidence that the same is in violation of this section, and was made, done or created after the first day of September, nineteen hundred and five, and that such flag, standard, color, shield, ensign, or article, substance, or thing, did not exist on the first day of September, nineteen hundred and five. (A. L. 1917, c. 779.)

ANNOTATIONS

G. A. R. post flag with name and designation of post for parades not a violation. A. G. R., 1905:535–36.

unconstitutional so far as it attempts to destroy existing property rights. People ex rel. McPike v. Van De Carr, 178 N. Y. 425 [1904].

PUBLIC BUILDINGS — *See* Post Meeting Rooms.

Civil Service Law, section 21, makes it a misdemeanor to refuse to give the preferences and privileges accorded to veterans by that and the succeeding section. *See* PREFERENCE.

Penal Law, sections 935, 936 and 936a, declare to be crimes certain fraudulent practices on secret fraternities.

RELIEF OF INDIGENT VETERANS

At Home by G. A. R. Posts (Poor)

§ 80. *Relief of soldiers, sailors and marines, and their families.* No poor or indigent soldier, sailor or marine who has served in the military or naval service of the United States and who has been honorably discharged from such service nor his family nor the families of any who may be deceased, shall be sent to any almshouse, but shall be relieved and provided for at their homes in the city or town where they may reside, so far as practicable, provided such soldier, sailor or marine or the families of those deceased, are, and have been, residents of the state for one year; and the proper auditing board of such city or town or in those counties where the poor are a county charge, the superintendent, if but one, or superintendents of the poor, as such auditing board in those counties, shall provide such sum or sums of money as may be necessary to be drawn upon by the commander and quartermaster of any post of the Grand Army of the Republic, or of any camp of the United Spanish War Veterans of the city or town, made upon the written recommendation of the relief committee of such post or camp; or if there be no post or camp in a town or city in which it is necessary that such relief should be granted, upon the like request of the commander and quartermaster and recommendation of the relief committee of a Grand Army post, or a camp of the United Spanish War Veterans, located in the nearest town or city, to the town or city requested to so furnish relief, and such written request and recommendation shall be a sufficient authority for the expenditures so made; and such auditing board of such city or town or in those counties where the poor are a county charge, the superintendent, if but one, or superintendents of the poor, as such auditing board in those counties may also pay to the chairman of the relief committee of such Grand Army post or camp of the United Spanish War Veterans, a reasonable sum for his services in connection therewith. (A. L. 1915; L. 1917, c. 129.)

§ 81. *Post or camp to give notice that it assumes charge.* The commander of any such post or camp which shall undertake to supervise the relief of poor veterans or their families, as herein

provided, before his acts shall become operative in any town, city or county, shall file with the clerk of such town, city or county, a notice that such post or camp intends to undertake such supervision of relief, which notice shall contain the names of the relief committee, commander and other officers of the post or camp; and also an undertaking to such city, town or county, with sufficient and satisfactory sureties for the faithful and honest discharge of his duties under this article; such undertaking to be approved by the treasurer of the city or county, or the supervisor of the town, from which such relief is to be received. Such commander shall annually thereafter, during the month of October, file a similar notice with said city or town clerk, with a detailed statement of the amount of relief requested by him during the preceding year, with the names of all persons for whom such relief shall have been requested, together with a brief statement in each case, from the relief committee, upon whose recommendation the relief was requested, provided, however, that in cities of the first class said notice and said detailed statement shall be filed with the comptroller of such city, and said undertaking shall be approved by him, and provided further that in any city of the first class which is now or may hereafter be divided into boroughs, such notice, and such detailed statement each in duplicate shall be filed with the comptroller, and he shall forward one of said duplicates to the commissioner or deputy commissioner of charities for the borough in which the headquarters of such post or camp is situated, except that in the boroughs of the city of New York, no undertaking shall be filed by the commander or the committee of the post or camp nor shall any annual statement of the amounts of relief granted be required. And it shall be the duty of the commissioner of charities to annually include in his estimate, of the amount necessary for the support of his department, such sum or sums of money as may be necessary to carry into effect the provisions of sections eighty, eighty-one, eighty-three, and except in the city of New York, eighty-four and eighty-five of this chapter, and the proper officers charged with the duty of making the budget of any such city shall annually include therein such sum or sums of money as may be necessary for that purpose. Provided, further, that in the city of New York the relief shall be paid direct to the bene-

ficiaries by the commissioner of public charities on a written recommendation signed by the relief committee, the commander and the quartermaster of such post or camp. The comptroller of the city of New York shall, out of the amount appropriated for such relief, provide a cash fund to be placed under the control of the commissioner of public charities from which to pay such relief, and he shall replenish said fund upon presentation of properly receipted recommendations for the amounts paid out of said fund. Moneys actually laid out and expended except in the boroughs of the city of New York by any such post or camp for the relief specified in section eighty of this chapter shall be reimbursed monthly to such post or camp by the comptroller on vouchers duly verified by the commander and quartermaster of said post or camp, showing the date and amount of each payment, the certificate of the post or camp relief committee, signed by at least three members, none of whom shall have received any of the relief granted by the post for which reimbursement is asked, showing that the person relieved was an actual resident of such city, and that they recommend each payment, and the receipt of the recipient for each payment, or in case such receipt could not be obtained, a statement of such fact, with the reason why such receipt could not be obtained. Such vouchers shall be made in duplicate on blanks to be supplied by the comptroller and shall be presented to the commissioner of public charities for the borough in which the headquarters of the post or camp is situated, and if such commissioner is satisfied that such moneys have been actually expended as in said voucher stated, he shall approve the same, and file one of said duplicates in his office and forward the other to the comptroller, who shall pay the same by a warrant drawn to the order of the said commander. And provided further that in the city of New York if the comptroller is satisfied that a poor or indigent soldier, sailor or marine, who has served in the military or naval service of the United States, or his family, and has been honorably discharged therefrom, or the families of any who may be deceased, are in actual want, and that immediate relief is needed by either, provided he or they shall have been residents of the state for the year last past, and is or are actual residents of said city, he may, in his discretion au-

thorize and empower the commander of the post or camp to furnish relief to him or them in a reasonable amount, and pay the amount by warrant to the commander of the post or camp, taking the receipt in duplicate of the commander of the post or camp therefor, and file one of said receipts in his office, and forward the other to the commissioner or deputy-commissioner of charities for the borough in which the headquarters of the post or camp is situated; and said duplicate receipts shall be the vouchers for the payment of the same. And provided further, that in any city, county or borough in which Grand Army posts or camps have organized or may organize a memorial and executive committee, the latter shall be regarded as a post of the Grand Army of the Republic or a camp of the United Spanish War Veterans. And the chairman, treasurer or almoner and bureau of relief or relief committee referred to, shall exercise the same privileges and powers as the commander, quartermaster and relief committee of a post or camp, on complying with the requirements of this and the preceding section. Wilful and false swearing to such voucher shall be deemed perjury and shall be punishable as such. (A. L. 1916, c. 532.)

§ 82. *Posts or camps to appoint joint relief committees in certain cities* — In all cities of this state containing less than one hundred thousand inhabitants, where there are more than one post of the Grand Army of the Republic or camp of the United Spanish War Veterans, there shall be appointed and constituted a joint relief committee, consisting of one member from each post of the Grand Army of the Republic and from each camp of the United Spanish War Veterans in said city, which shall have complied with the provisions of law as hereinafter provided, to be chosen in such manner as such post or camp shall direct, and one member appointed by the auditing board of said city, to which all orders for relief drawn by the commander or quartermaster of any post of the Grand Army of the Republic or camp of the United Spanish War Veterans in said city shall be referred; and no relief shall be furnished under the provisions of sections eighty or eighty-one of this chapter, except upon the approval and recommendation of said committee or a majority of the members thereof. No posts of the Grand Army of the Republic

or camp of the United Spanish War Veterans shall be entitled to membership in said committee unless such post or camp shall have complied with the provisions of the preceding section, and in case such post or camp shall fail to so comply with the provisions of said section and to select a member of said committee, the commander or quartermaster shall not be entitled to draw upon the fund provided by the auditing board of said city as provided in section eighty of this chapter. (A. L. 1910, c. 102.)

§ 83. *Poor or indigent soldiers, sailors or marines without families* — Poor or indigent soldiers, sailors or marines provided for in this article, who are not insane, and who have no families or friends with whom they may be domiciled, may be sent to a soldiers' home. Any poor or indigent soldier, sailor or marine provided for in this chapter, or any member of the family of any living or deceased soldier, sailor or marine, who may be insane, shall, upon recommendation of the commander and relief committee of such post of the Grand Army of the Republic or camp of the United Spanish War Veterans, within the jurisdiction of which the case may occur, be sent to the proper state hospital for the insane. (A. L. 1910, c. 102.)

§ 86. *Persons entitled to relief* — No poor or indigent woman who served not less than ninety days as a nurse in hospital, field or camp with the military or naval service of the United States, in the war of the rebellion, the Spanish-American war or the war of the Philippine insurrection, shall be sent to any almshouse, but shall be relieved and provided for at her home in the city or town where she may reside, so far as practicable, provided such woman nurse is, and has been a resident of the state for one year. (Added L. 1913, c. 595.)

§ 87. *Application for relief; by whom made* — Upon application being made by such woman nurse poor person to the superintendent of the poor of the county where such woman nurse poor person resides, or to any other officer charged with the support and relief of the poor, and on satisfactory proof being made that such woman nurse is a poor person as defined in this section, such superintendent or other officer or such proper auditing board of such city or town, or in those counties where the poor are a county charge, the superintendent, if but one, or superintendents of the

poor, as such auditing boards in those counties, shall provide such sum or sums of money as may be necessary to be drawn upon by the president and treasurer of the New York State Department of the National Association of Civil War Army Nurses made upon the written recommendation of such relief committee of such New York State Department of the National Association of Civil War Army Nurses, and such written request shall be sufficient authority for the expenditures to be made. Immediately upon such relief and aid being provided for, the written recommendation of the relief committee of the New York State Department of the National Association of Civil War Army Nurses, and all other testimony and all facts relating thereto, together with a verified statement of the sum or sums of money expended shall be transmitted to the state board of charities. Such board shall examine all matters relating thereto and if satisfied that such expenditure was proper, and that the expenses thereof were actually and necessarily incurred in such care and support, shall audit and allow the amount of such expense, which when so audited and allowed shall be paid by the state treasurer, on the warrant of the comptroller, to the person incurring the same out of any money appropriated therefor. The amount of such aid and its duration shall be determined by the state board of charities. The New York State Department of the National Association of Civil War Army Nurses shall on the first day of January and the first day of July of each year furnish to the state board of charities a verified statement of the names and addresses of its officers, and the names and addresses of its relief committee. No person shall be aided under the provisions of this act who is receiving or may hereafter receive an annuity from this state. (Added L. 1913, c. 595.)

2. RELIEF MAY BE MADE A COUNTY CHARGE (County)

§ 12. *General Powers* — The Board of Supervisors shall:

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32. The board of supervisors in any county in which the poor are a town charge may by resolution provide that a soldier, sailor or marine who has served in the military or naval service of the United States and who has received an honorable discharge from service, or his family or the family of any who may be deceased

shall be relieved and provided for as a county charge. Application for such relief and the granting thereof shall be governed by sections eighty, eighty-one and eighty-two of the poor law. (Added L. 1915, c. 243.)

Annotations

Statutory provisions examined. A. G. R., 1897:83; A. G. R., 1904:321–23.
Residence of applicant; rules for determining. A. G. R., 1889:44–45.
Where residence not gained in any town, is a county charge. A. G. R., 1889: 387–88.
Town taking care of its own poor included in scope of act. A. G. R., 1899: 246–47.
Indigent veteran entitled to medical attendance. A. G. R., 1904:212–13.
Legislative intent to secure relief for veterans even though not honorably discharged. A. G. R., 1911 [Feb. 25].
Applies to children or other relatives of soldiers, sailors or marines who live in one home, under one head or manager, at time relief is furnished, whether they be under or over 21 years of age, but not to a man or woman living separate from the home and having formed other relations. A. G. R., 1910:578–80.
Relief through post:
time of filing notice by post. A. G. R., 1889:230–33; A. G. R., 1891:201–02.
bond, when to be given; no prescribed form. A. G. R., 1891:201–02.
town authorities may require bond. A. G. R., 1890:278.
amount of relief, who to recommend. A. G. R., 1889:230–33.
common council may exercise discretion as to amount of appropriation for relief; further appropriation cannot be compelled. People ex rel. Crammond v. Rome Common Council, 136 N. Y. 489 [1893].
money to be retained by poor authorities to be drawn as needed. A. G. R., 1891:201–02; A. G. R., 1889:52–53; A. G. R., 1890:212.
necessity of relief a question to be decided by officers and relief committee of post; their requests and recommendations binding on town authorities. A. G. R., 1899:244–46.
Attorney-General overruled and the recommendation of post officers held not binding on local authorities. People ex rel. Conde v. Meyers, 161 A. D. 315.
Town auditors justified in disallowing bill for relief where expenditures were made before order, no detailed statement of items furnished and circumstances showed other substantial sources of relief. Sums paid must be certified. People ex rel. Hovey v. Leavenworth, 90 Hun 48 [1895].
Voucher; indorsement of beneficiary. A. G. R., 1889:52–53.
Post cannot take possession of pension received by veteran receiving relief. A. G. R., 1889:223–24.
Where post has organized committee in adjoining town, such committee shall have charge of expenditure of relief money. A. G. R., 1903:340–42.
Overseer of poor may act only in case of failure by post. A. G. R., 1889: 230–33.
Public officer who wilfully disobeys provisions of poor law relative to care of indigent veterans and their families guilty of misdemeanor; may be prosecuted therefor within two years of commission of offense. A. G. R., 1911 [Mar. 20].

REMOVAL AND TENURE

1. NO PROBATION (Civ. Serv.)

§ 9. *Unclassified service; classified service* — * * * All appointments or employments in the classified service, except those of veterans of the civil war, honorably discharged from the military or naval service of the United States, shall be for a probationary term not exceeding the time fixed in the rules.

§ 22. *Power of removal limited.* Every person whose rights may be in any way prejudiced contrary to any of the provisions of this section shall be entitled to a writ of mandamus to remedy the wrong. No person holding a position by appointment or employment in the state of New York or in the several cities, counties, towns or villages thereof who is an honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine, having served as such in the union army or navy of the United States during the war of the rebellion, or who is an honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine, having served as such in the army or navy of the United States during the late war with Spain or during the incidental insurrection in the Philippines prior to July fourth, nineteen hundred and two, or in the world war, or who shall have served the term required by law in the volunteer fire department of any city, town or village in the state or who shall have been a member thereof at the time of the disbandment of such volunteer fire department shall be removed from such position except for incompetency or misconduct shown after a hearing upon due notice upon stated charges, and with the right to such employee or appointee to a review by a writ of certiorari. If the position so held by any such honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine or volunteer fireman shall become unnecessary or be abolished for reasons of economy or otherwise, the said honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine or volunteer fireman holding the same shall not be discharged from the public service, but shall be transferred to any branch of the said service for duty in such position as he may be fitted to fill, receiving the same compensation therefor, and it is hereby made the duty of all persons clothed with power of appointment to make such transfer effective. The burden of proving incompetency or misconduct shall be upon the

person alleging the same. In every county of the state wholly included within the limits of a city but not comprising the whole of such city, no regular clerk or head of a bureau or person holding a position in the classified state civil service, subject to competitive examination, shall be removed until he has been allowed an opportunity of making an explanation; and in every case of removal the true grounds thereof shall be forthwith entered upon the records of the department of the office in which he has been employed, and a copy filed with the state civil service commission. In case of a removal, a statement showing the reasons therefor shall be filed in the department or office where such clerk, head of a bureau or person had been employed. Whenever such offices, positions or employments in every county of the state hereinbefore specified are abolished or made unnecessary, it shall be the duty of the head of the department or office in which such persons had been employed, to furnish the names of the person or persons affected to the state civil service commission, with a statement in the case of each of the date of his original appointment in the service. It shall be the duty of the state civil service commission forthwith to place the names of said persons upon a list of suspended employees for the office or position or for the class of work in which they have been employed, or for any corresponding or similar office, position or class of work, and to certify the said persons for reinstatement or re-employment in the order of their original appointment before making certification from any other list. The failure of any person on any such list for reinstatement or re-employment to accept after reasonable notice, an office or position in the same county and at the same salary or wages as the position formerly held by him, shall be held to be a relinquishment of his right to reinstatement as herein stated. Nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to the position of private secretary, cashier or deputy of any official or department or change the provisions of section thirteen of the civil service law. (A. L. 1910, C. 264; A. L. 1920, C. 833.)

§ 23. *Compensation of veterans reinstated by order of the courts* — Any honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine, who having served as such in the Union army or navy during the war of the rebellion, shall have been, or may hereafter be removed from any position held by him by appointment or employment in the

state of New York or in the several cities, counties, towns or villages thereof in contravention or violation of any provision of section twenty-two of this article and who shall have been restored to such position or employment either by a peremptory writ of mandamus of the supreme court or by final order on a writ of certiorari, as authorized by said section twenty-two, shall be entitled to receive and shall receive from said state or the city, county, town or village thereof under which said position or employment was held by him, the same compensation therefor from the date of such unlawful removal to the date of his said restoration to said position or employment which he would have been entitled by law to have received in such position or employment but for such unlawful removal, and such veteran shall be entitled to a writ of mandamus to enforce the payment thereof, but such compensation or salary or wages, due in such position or employment, shall be subject to the provisions of sections four hundred seventy-four and four hundred seventy-five of the judiciary law for services rendered in either or both said special proceedings but otherwise shall be paid only directly to such veteran.

3. RETENTION IN NEW YORK CITY (Charter)

§ 127. All veterans either of the army or navy or the volunteer fire departments, now in the service of either of the municipal and public corporations hereby consolidated, who are now entitled by law to serve during good behavior, or who can not under existing law be removed except for cause, shall be retained in like positions and under the same conditions by the corporation constituted by this act, to serve under such titles and in such way as the head of the appropriate department or the mayor may direct.

§ 355. [Provides for retirements from the police force of the city of New York and contains this limitation on the power of the police commissioner to compulsorily retire.] * * * The said commissioner may in like manner relieve and dismiss from the service and place on the roll of the police pension fund, and grant and award a pension to any member of said force other than an honorably discharged soldier or sailor of the Mexican or late civil war who shall have reached the age of sixty years. * * *

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Waters v. New York, City of, 43 Misc. 154 [1904].

assignment to lower position with lower rate of compensation.

what is reduction.

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reasonable reduction of salary not amounting to removal or forced resignation.

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revocation of detail of street sweeper as assistant to section foreman.

People ex rel. Schurmann v. Coler, 38 A. D. 615 [1899].

transfer, on consolidation, of Brooklyn street inspector with reduced salary.

People ex rel. Goetchious v. Follett, 24 Misc. 510 [1898]; Tiffany, in re, 179 N. Y. 455 [1904]; Williams v. Darling, 67 Misc. 205 [1910].

failure to reappoint.

People ex rel. O'Brien v. Scannell, 164 N. Y. 572, affirming 53 A. D. 161 [1900].

retirement of fireman for disability on pension.

Walters v. New York, City of, 190 N. Y. 375 [1907].

reducing salary of clerk, on consolidation, to conform to general plan.

a. Discharge in good faith because services are no longer needed.

Kenny, in re, 52 A. D. 385 [1900].

sewer inspector, New York city.

People ex rel. Nason v. Feitner, 58 A. D. 594 [1901].

position abolished on economic grounds.

People ex rel. Hartough v. Scannell, 48 A. D. 445 [1900]; affd. 163 N. Y. 599.

fire hydrant inspector; abolished for reasons of economy.

People ex rel. Nutall v. Simis, 18 A. D. 199 [1897].

tinsmith, city department.

People ex rel. Reynolds v. Squier, 10 A. D. 415 [1896].

lack of work.

People ex rel. Patten v. Waring, 62 Supp. 966 [1895].

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recreation pier attendants.

upheld.

People ex rel. Percival v. Cram, 164 N. Y. 166 [1900].

People ex rel. Russell v. Fire Commissioners, 76 Hun 146 [1894].

one never entitled to office originally.

People ex rel. Wren v. Goetting, 133 N. Y. 569, affirming 8 Supp. 742 [1890].

clerk, Brooklyn police court.

People ex rel. McKnight v. Glynn, 56 Misc. 35 [1907].

transfer tax appraiser.

People ex rel. Ellithrope v. Judges, Superior Court of Buffalo, 9 Supp. 691 [1890].

court crier.

People ex rel. Griffin v. Lathrop, 142 N. Y. 113 [1894].

keeper, state prison.

People ex rel. Pine v. Martin, 53 A. D. 19 [1900].
armorer, state arsenal.
People ex rel. Baird v. Nixon, 158 N. Y. 221 [1899].
commissioner, East river bridge, New York city.
People ex rel. McAvoy v. School Board, Richmond, 43 A. D. 613 [1899].
janitor union free school.
People ex rel. Foley v. Long Island City, Education Board, 84 Hun 417 [1895].
positive refusal to obey reasonable order.
People ex rel. Hannan v. Troy, Health Board, 153 N. Y. 513 [1897].
officer appointed without examination.
People ex rel. Joyce v. VanWart, 36 A. D. 518 [1899]; affd. 158 N. Y. 720.
abolition of position by legislature.
People ex rel. Sullivan v. Waring, 36 Supp. 1119 [1895].
acceptance of another city position held acquiescence in discharge.
Porter v. Howland, 24 Misc. 434 [1898].
public school teacher not a city employee.
Shaughnessy v. Fornes, 172 N. Y. 323 [1902].
board of aldermen a legislative body and not subject to civil service restrictions.
b. Upon hearing; charges.
People ex rel. Brady v. Brookfield, 6 A. D. 445 [1896]; affd. 151 N. Y. 674.
though informal, veteran is estopped from objecting if he appear and take part.
People ex rel. Gilon v. Coler, 78 A. D. 248 [1903]; affd. 175 N. Y. 510.
charges justified.
People ex rel. Brennan v. Scannell, 62 A. D. 249 [1901].
when court will not review the facts.
c. Failure to reappoint incumbent, holding for fixed term, also performing duties of another office.
People ex rel. Curran v. Albion, Trustees of Village, 61 A. D. 71 [1901].
poundmaster.
denied.
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Murray, in re, 17 Misc. 185 [1896].
county employee.
People ex rel. Haverty v. Barker, 1 A. D. 532 [1896]; affd. 149 N. Y. 607.
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People ex rel. O'Connor v. Brady, 49 A. D. 238 [1900].
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People ex rel. Speight v. Coler, 157 N. Y. 676, affirming 31 A. D. 523 [1898].
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People ex rel. Stutzbach v. Coler, 168 N. Y. 416 [1901].
alleged lack of funds.
People ex rel. Thain v. Constable, 65 A. D. 176 [1901].
inspector, New York city building department.
People ex rel. Cunliffe v. Cram, 34 A. D. 313 [1898].
painter and inspector of painting, New York city dock department.
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People ex rel. Murphy v. Howell, 13 Supp. 217 [1891].
Brooklyn bridge employee.
People ex rel. Schumann v. McCartney, 34 A. D. 19 [1898].
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People ex rel. Broderick v. Morton, 156 N. Y. 130, reversing on other grounds 24 A. D. 563 [1897].
laborer, state department of public buildings.
People ex rel. Williamson v. Scannell, 34 Misc. 709 [1901].
order of commissioner retiring fireman signed beforehand in blank and delivered during absence of commissioner from city.
People ex rel. Williams v. Ward, 72 Misc. 446 [1911].
signing release for injuries received, not a resignation. No legal removal.
People ex rel. Denholm v. Welde, 27 Misc. 697 [1899].
clerk, commissioner of jurors, New York county.
People ex rel. Fallon v. Wright, 150 N. Y. 444 [1896].
warden, city prison, New York city.
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clerk in finance department, New York city.
a. Abolishment of office in bad faith.
McDonald, in re, 34 A. D. 512 [1898].
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People ex rel. Bean v. Clausen, 50 A. D. 324 [1900].
demand not necessary for reinstatement.
People ex rel. Hart v. LaGrange, 7 A. D. 311 [1896].
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People ex rel. Vanderhoof v. Palmer, 3 A. D. 389 [1896].
People ex rel. Shields v. Scannell, 48 A. D. 69 [1900].
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b. Incapacity.
People ex rel. Metcalf v. McAdoo, 109 A. D. 892 [1905]; affd. 184 N. Y. 268
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c. Removal on charges.
People ex rel. Fleming v. Dalton, 158 N. Y. 175 [1899].
opportunity to make explanation.
People ex rel. Miller v. Elmendorf, 42 A. D. 306 [1899].
charges must be definite and certain.
People ex rel. Shuster v. Humphrey, 156 N. Y. 231 [1898].
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People ex rel. Long v. Whitney, 143 A. D. 17 [1911].
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confidential positions; deputies.
Gilfillan, in re, 127 A. D. 846 [1908]; affd. 193 N. Y. 655.
mortgage tax deputy not in exemption class.
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appointee of New York city court clerk.

People ex rel. Rossney v. Armbruster, 59 Hun 597 [1891].

superintendent of streets, Rochester, a confidential office; *see also* A. G. R., 1890 145–48

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deputy tax commissioner, N. Y. city, not a deputy.

People ex rel. Webb v. Clarke, 54 A. D. 588 [1900].

county detective in district attorney's office confidential.

People ex rel. Tate v. Dalton, 158 N. Y. 204 [1899].

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People ex rel. Kenny v. Folks, 89 A. D. 171 [1903].

superintendent of outdoor poor, Richmond borough, not a deputy.

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subpœna server, New York county district attorney's office, is confidential.

People ex rel. Fitzpatrick v. Greene, 181 N. Y. 308 [1905], reversing 97 A. D. 502.

veteran policeman N. Y. city, has absolute right to retirement, effective on making application therefor; charges filed subsequently, and prior to commissioner's order granting retirement, do not affect right.

People ex rel. Sweet v. Lyman, 157 N. Y. 368 [1898].

special agent, excise department, confidential; *contra;* Weaver, in re, 72 Misc. 438 [1911]; affd. 147 A. D. 420; 204 N. Y. 676.

People ex rel. O'Keeffe v. McFadden, 75 A. D. 264 [1902].

deputy collector of assessments and arrears, borough of Brooklyn, a confidential position.

People ex rel. Brady v. O'Brien, 9 A. D. 428 [1896].

dockmaster not a confidential position.

People ex rel. Crummey v. Palmer, 152 N. Y. 217 [1897].

assistant warrant clerk, comptroller's office, city of Brooklyn, a confidential position

People ex rel. Thompson v. Ransom, 13 Supp. 370 [1891].

court messenger a confidential position.

People ex rel. Breckenridge v. Scannell, 160 N. Y. 103 [1899].

examiner, fire marshal's office, New York city, not a confidential position.

People ex rel. Jussen v. Scannell, 51 A. D. 360 [1900].

secretary, fire department, New York city, a confidential position.

People ex rel. Jacobus v. Van Wyck, 157 N. Y. 495 [1899].

assessor, New York city, confidential position.

People ex rel. Rodenbough v. Voorhis, 63 A. D. 249 [1901].

superintendent, bureau of elections, New York city, not a confidential position.

People ex rel. Ryan v. Wells, 176 N. Y. 462 [1903].

deputy tax commissioner, New York state, a deputy.

Sargent v. Gorman, 131 N. Y. 191 [1892].

chief clerk of sheriff a confidential position.

Shaughnessy v. Fornes, 172 N. Y. 323 [1902].

assistant sergeant-at-arms, New York city common council, a confidential position.

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Gilfillan, in re, 127 A. D. 846 [1908]; affd. 193 N. Y. 655.

mortgage tax deputy, county clerk's office; cannot claim transfer to dissimilar post

Jones v. Wilcox, 80 A. D. 167 [1903].

burden on veteran to show qualification to fill position to which he seeks transfer.

People ex rel. Wardrop v. Adams, 51 Hun, 583 [1889].

may not replace another officer, to whose duties those of abolished office have been added.

People ex rel. Croft v. Keating, 49 A. D. 123 [1900].

must be a vacancy before assignment to it can occur.

People ex rel. Breckenridge v. Scannell, 160 N. Y. 103 [1899].

faithful non-veterans not to be discharged to create vacancy to which transfer may be made.

Pratt v. Phelan, 67 A. D. 349 [1901].

engineer, Troy pumping station, entitled to transfer.

temporary service.

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Barton, in re, 69 Misc. 38 [1910].

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veteran must seasonably claim rights.

Beal v. Bingham, 112 Supp. 465 [1908].

New York city policeman retired compulsorily for disability; may not claim subsequently full pension.

Gaffney, in re, 84 Hun 503 [1895].

two years' delay held laches.

McDonald, in re, 34 A. D. 512 [1898].

four months' delay excusable.

People ex rel. Harper v. Adams, 18 Supp. 896 [1892].

People ex rel. O'Connor v. Brady, 49 A. D. 238 [1900].

two months' delay excusable.

People ex rel. Shea v. Bryant, 28 A. D. 480.

two years' delay held laches.

People ex rel. McDonald v. Clausen, 50 A. D. 286 [1900]; affd. 163 N. Y. 523.

People ex rel. Young v. Collis, 6 A. D. 467 [1896].

four months' delay held laches.

People ex rel. McCullough v. Cram, 15 Misc. 12 [1895].

People ex rel. O'Brien v. Cruger, 12 A. D. 536 [1896].

People ex rel. Ross v. Dooling, 61 Misc. 428 [1908].

must state facts which superior may verify.

People ex rel. Strahan v. Feitner, 29 Misc. 702 [1899]; affd. 49 A. D. 101.

four months' delay excusable.

People ex rel. Goetchious v. Follett, 24 Misc. 510 [1898].

formal application for reappointment necessary, where incumbent holds for a fixed term.

People ex rel. Miller v. Justices of Sessions, 78 Hun 334 [1894].

eight months' delay held laches.

People ex rel. Croft v. Keating, 49 A. D. 123 [1900].

nine months' delay held laches.

People ex rel. McDonald v. Lantry, 48 A. D. 131 [1900].
People ex rel. Tierney v. Scannell, 27 Misc. 662 [1899].
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People ex rel. Vanderhoof v. Palmer, 3 A. D. 389 [1896].
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People ex rel. Dixon v. Simonson, 64 A. D. 312 [1901].
Shay, in re, 15 Supp. 488 [1891].
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Bean v. Clausen, 113 A. D. 129 [1906].
where proceedings for reinstatement have become impossible, from transfer of jurisdiction, action for damages lies against officer who removed him.
Fallon v. Wright, 82 A. D. 193 [1903].
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Hilton v. Cram, 112 A. D. 35 [1906]; affd. 190 N. Y. 535.
Vanderhoof, in re, 3 A. D. 389 [1896].
recovering of salary during period of exclusion.
Caldwell v. New York, City of, 148 A. D. 304 [1911]; appeal dismd. 210 N. Y. 576.
one not discharged to give employment to another, not entitled to compensation after reëmployment, for period during which city did not need his services.
Douglas v. Brooklyn, Board of Education, 21 A. D. 209 [1897].
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O'Hara v. New York, City of, 167 N. Y. 567, affirming 46 A. D. 518 [1900].
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rule that payment of salary to de facto officer prior to notice to city of irregularity in removal is complete defense to action to recover such salary by officer removed does not apply in case of reinstated veteran.
Sullivan v. New York, City of, 33 Misc. 314 [1900].
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REMOVAL OF REMAINS — *See* Burial.

RETIREMENTS AND PENSIONS

1. RETIREMENT FROM STATE SERVICE (Civil Serv.)

§ 21-a. *Retiring veterans of the late civil war and granting them pensions.* Every soldier, sailor or marine of the army or navy of the United States in the late civil war honorably discharged from service who shall have been employed for a continuous period of ten years or more in the civil service of the state of New York and the several cities and counties thereof and who shall have reached the age of seventy years upon his own request, or if employed in manual labor upon being incapacitated for performing manual labor, shall be retired from his employment by

the state of New York and the several cities and counties thereof, and thereafter and during his life the state department or institution and the several cities and counties which employed him at the time of his retirement shall pay to him in the same manner that the salary or wages of his former position were customarily paid to him in the last year of his employment; provided, however, that the amount so to be paid to such retired veteran shall not exceed the sum of one thousand dollars per annum. If subsequent to the retirement of a state officer or employee as provided by this section a state department or institution be merged or consolidated with another state department or institution, or abolished, the salary or wages of such retired veteran, if such department be merged or consolidated, shall be paid to him in the manner provided by this section by the department or institution with which such department or institution shall have been merged or consolidated, and if such department or institution be abolished, shall be paid to him on the certificate of the state comptroller at the same times as the salary or wages of his former position were customarily paid. (Added L. 1916, c. 438; a. L. 1917, c. 768; a. L. 1920, c. 746.)

§ 21-a. *Retiring veterans of the late civil war and granting them pensions.* Every soldier, sailor or marine of the army or navy of the United States in the late civil war honorably discharged from service who shall have been employed for a continuous period of ten years or more in the civil service of the state of New York and the several cities and counties thereof and who shall have reached the age of seventy years upon his own request, or if employed in manual labor upon being incapacitated for performing manual labor, shall be retired from his employment by the state of New York and the several cities and counties thereof, and thereafter and during his life the state department or institution and the several cities and counties which employed him at the time of his retirement shall pay to him in the same manner that the salary or wages of his former position were customarily paid to him an annual sum equal in amount to one-half the salary or wages paid to him in the last year of his employment. (A. L. 1920, c. 751.)

2. RETIREMENT IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT (Pub. Bldgs.)

§ 3. *Powers and duties of trustees*—The trustees of public buildings shall: * * *

8. Have power, in their discretion, to retire any employee in the department of public buildings who is an honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine of the army or navy of the United States in the late civil war or world war, and who shall have been employed for a continuous period of five years or more in such department or for a continuous period of three years or more in such department, after at least five years of previous service in another state office, department or institution, and who shall have reached the age of seventy years. Such retirement may be upon the application of such veteran, or the trustees may take such action on their own motion. Upon being retired pursuant to this chapter such persons shall be paid in the same manner that the salary or wages of his former position were customarily paid to him an annual sum equal in amount to one-half the salary or wage paid to him in the last year of his employment, provided, however, that the amount so paid to such retired veteran shall not exceed the sum of one thousand dollars per annum. (Added L. 1918, c. 142; a. L. 1919, c. 196; a. L. 1920, c. 638.)

3. RETIREMENT IN ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE (Mil.)

§ 19-a. *Retiring veterans of the late civil war and granting them pensions*—Every soldier, sailor or marine of the army or navy of the United States in the late civil war honorably discharged from service who shall have been employed for a continuous period of ten years or more in the office of the adjutant-general of the state of New York and who shall have reached the age of seventy years may, upon his own request and the approval of the adjutant-general, or upon being incapacitated for performing the duties of his position, shall be retired from such employment, and thereafter during his life the adjutant-general shall pay to him in the same manner that the salary or wages of his former position were customarily paid to him an annual sum

equal in amount to one-half the salary or wages paid to him in the last year of his employment; provided, however, that the amount so to be paid to such retired veteran shall not exceed the sum of one thousand dollars per annum. (Added L. 1918, c. 557.)

4. Retirement from New York City Service (Charter)

§ 165. Any member of the board of estimate and apportionment is hereby authorized, whenever in his judgment it shall be to the interest of the public service, to recommend to said board the retirement from active service of any officer, clerk or employee who shall have been in the employ of the city of New York or of any of the municipalities, counties or parts thereof which have been incorporated into the city of New York for a period of twenty years if an honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine, who served as such in the union army or navy during the war of the rebellion and otherwise for a period of thirty years and upward and who shall have become physically or mentally incapacitated for the further performances of the duties of his position. The term of service, however, shall not be affected by any change in title, duty or salary or by any promotion or by any vacation or leave of absence or by any temporary disability by reason of sickness or accident or by any transfer from one department or office to another department or office during the period of service, or by any change of any of the boards, bureaus or departments in which service shall have been performed from an office paid by fees to a salaried office. But this section shall not apply to any person who is, or may be, entitled to share in the police pension fund, or in the fire department relief fund, or in the public school teachers' retirement fund, or in the health department pension fund, or in the retirement fund of the College of the City of New York. (A. L. 1912, c. 497.)

5. Retirement by Appellate Division (Jud.)

§ 117. *Retirement of employees by the appellate division of the second department.* The appellate division of the supreme court of the second department is hereby authorized in its discretion to retire any clerk, assistant clerk, stenographer, interpreter,

librarian, attendant or typewriter operator who shall have served as such in the supreme court in and for the second or ninth judicial districts or in any court which has been consolidated with the said supreme court and who shall have become physically or mentally incapacitated for the further performance of the duties of his position, provided such service in one or more of such positions has continued for a period of twenty-five years or more; or any honorably discharged soldier or sailor of the civil war serving as such clerk, assistant clerk, stenographer, interpreter, librarian, attendant or typewriter operator who at the time of such retirement shall have served continuously for a period of ten years and who shall have reached the age of seventy years. Any person retired from service pursuant to this section shall be paid an annual sum or annuity to be determined by the appellate division of the second department not exceeding one-half of the average amount of his annual salary or compensation for a period of two years preceding the time of such retirement. Such annuity shall be paid in equal monthly installments during the lifetime of the person so retired, and the amount thereof shall otherwise be collected and paid in the same manner as the salary or compensation of such person was required to be collected and paid at the time of such retirement. (Added L. 1915, c. 557; a. L. 1918, c. 508.)

SOLDIERS' MONUMENTS — *See* Incorporation and Monuments.
TAX — *See* Exemptions.
TAXABLE TRANSFERS — *See* Exemptions.
VETERANS' RIGHT TO PEDDLE — *See* Privileges.

WAR RECORDS

1. BUREAU OF WAR RECORDS (Mil.)

§ 20. *Bureau of war records; completion and preservation of the records and relics; free inspection of the same and quarters in the capitol* — 1. The adjutant-general of the state shall establish and maintain as part of his office, a bureau of war records, in which all records in his office relating to the wars in which the state participated, and relics shall be kept. He shall be the custodian of all such records, relics, colors, standards and battle flags of New York troops now the property of the state or in its possession, or which the state may hereafter acquire or become

possessed of, and he shall appoint a chief of this bureau, who shall hold office under his direction for six years.

2. The adjutant-general of the state by all reasonable ways and means, shall complete such records and gather from every available source such colors, standards and battle flags as were borne by New York state troops in the wars in which the state participated, and such statistics and historical information and relics as may serve to perpetuate the memory and heroic deeds of the soldiers of the state, and keep and carefully preserve the same in such bureau.

3. He is authorized to request and accept from incorporated associations of veterans of the different regiments, statements and information duly authenticated by them, descriptive of their colors, standards and battle flags, together with the number and class of arms of the regiment, the date and place of muster into the service of the state and also into the service of the United States, the period of service, and the date and place of muster out, the date of departure for the seat of war, the various battles and engagements and places of service, including garrison duty, the time of joining brigades, corps and armies, with the time and nature of the service, and the names of colonels of such regiments, the names of those killed in action, including those who died of wounds, and the names of those who died of disease during their period of service. He is further authorized to ask the co-operation and assistance of the adjutant-general of the United States, and of the city, county and town authorities and officials, and of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, the United Spanish War Veterans and other organizations and persons in the state of New York and elsewhere in the collection of such other information, relics, memorials and battle flags as is contemplated by this article, in order to make as complete as possible the records, history and statistics of the patriotic service of the soldiers of the state during the wars in which the state participated.

4. The adjutant-general of the state is directed to cause to be transcribed and kept in books of record in such bureau the historical facts, information and statistics as provided above; and is authorized to determine a convenient size for the volumes in which such statistics and historical data may be bound, and to request veteran associations and others proposing to supply such historical

data and information to furnish the same on printed or manuscript sheets of a uniform size to correspond with the size of such volumes.

5. He is further authorized to provide locked and sealed cases with glass fronts, as nearly air-tight as practicable, in which shall be kept and displayed the colors, standards and battle flags above mentioned, and receive placards in duplicate, which incorporated regimental veteran associations are privileged and empowered to furnish and upon which shall be inscribed synopses of the historical information and statistics herein provided to be furnished to such bureau by regimental veteran associations, or failing to receive such data and information from such veteran associations, for the preparation of such placards, he may utilize the authentic information which he may obtain from other sources, as herein provided, which placards shall be uniform in size and color and shall be attached to or conspicuously placed in proximity to the colors, standards and battle flags to which they refer. If any placard or inscription shall be lost, destroyed or removed, the adjutant-general of the state shall at once replace it by duplicate of the original on file.

The legislature shall annually make suitable appropriations to enable the adjutant-general of the state to carry out the provisions of this section.

6. The books, records and other property and relics deposited in such bureau shall be open to inspection and use, except the use of the colors, standards and battle flags, at such reasonable hours and under such regulations as the adjutant-general of the state may determine. No battle flag, book or any property placed in such bureau for the purpose of this article, shall be removed therefrom, or from the immediate custody and control of the adjutant-general of the state without an act of the legislature.

7. The trustees of public buildings are authorized and directed to provide suitable and convenient quarters in the capitol for the bureau of war records whenever the adjutant-general of the state shall require and make demand therefor, and to properly fit up and prepare the same for the safe-keeping of such records, books and property, and for the display of such colors, standards, battle flags and relics which shall be known and maintained as the hall of

military records. The several municipalities of the state may deposit their record books and papers relating to the wars in which the state participated in the archives of the hall for safe-keeping, and transcripts therefrom shall be furnished on application by the chief officer of the municipality without cost to it. Officers or soldiers may deposit therein their discharge papers, descriptive lists, muster rolls or company or regimental books and papers for safe-keeping.

The interest arising from the investment of the funds contributed by towns, cities and individuals for the erection of a hall of military records shall be devoted to the maintenance of the hall of military records provided in this section. (A. L. 1919, c. 75.)

ANNOTATION

positions therein are in military, not civil, service. A. G. R., 1910: 692–96.
For Military Record Fund, see St. Fin. § 100.

A flag room in the capitol, and making an appropriation therefor:

Section 1. The superintendent of public buildings, on the approval of the trustees of public buildings, is hereby authorized, after consultation with the adjutant-general, to remodel and furnish a room in the capitol suitable for the preservation and display of flags and military and naval relics at a total cost not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars. The work of remodeling and furnishing such room shall be performed under plans to be prepared by the state architect and such room when so remodeled and furnished shall be known as the flag room and shall be a part of the hall of military records provided for by section twenty of the military law. The military record fund provided for by section one hundred of the state finance law is hereby made available, and the state treasurer is hereby authorized from time to time when necessary to convert any securities in which such fund is invested, into cash, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act. Such moneys shall be paid out by the state treasurer on the warrant of the comptroller, on the certificate of the superintendent of public buildings with the approval of the trustees of public buildings. (A. L. 1920, c. 668.)

2. State Historian to Edit War Records (Executive)

§ 90. *Appointment of state historian.*— The governor shall appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, a state historian, whose duty it shall be to collect, collate, compile, edit and prepare for publication all official records, memoranda and data relative to the colonial wars, war of the revolution, war of eighteen hundred and twelve, Mexican war and war of the rebellion, together with all official records, memoranda and statistics affecting the relations between this commonwealth and foreign powers, between this state and other states and between this state and the United States.

See L. 1913, c. 424, amending the Education Law.

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